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Short dress leads to expulsion

SCHOOL A Brazilian university has expelled a woman who was heckled by hundreds of fellow students for wearing a short, pink dress to class — publicly accusing her yesterday of immorality.

The private Bandeirante University in Sao Bernardo do Campo, outside Sao Paulo, said 20-year-old Geisy Arruda disrespected "ethical principles, academic dignity and morality."

Bandeirante University published newspaper advertisements yesterday accusing Arruda of attending class Oct. 22 with "inadequate clothing" and having a provocative attitude that was "incompatible with the university environment."

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Speedskating

Hot on his heels

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Canada's Charles Hamelin, left, closes in on Apolo Anton Ohno of the United States yesterday during the final of the men's 1,000-metre event at the short-track speedskating ISU World Cup in Montreal. Hamelin won the bronze medal. More coverage, page 32.

No chicken soup?

Experts debunk myths for 'dubious' swine flu cures

Flu Outbreak

Pop a vitamin, ban doctors' neckties, vacuum away swine flu germs and smoke an e-cigarette to ward off H1N1.

Those are just some of the suggestions making the rounds on the Internet that have health officials and experts shaking their heads.

The web is awash with dubious advice and various flu kits for sale as H1N1 deaths continue to rise, vaccine shortages force clinics to close and officials find themselves unable to provide a hard date for when the general public can get its flu shot.

The message from experts to those tempted to buy into such schemes — don't.

Dr. Donald Low, chief microbiologist at Toronto's Mount Sinai hospital, chuckles when he hears about some of the alternative remedies, including one that suggests putting onions around the house, like a farmer did with the Spanish flu in 1918, to absorb the virus.

"Well in 1918, what could you do? You had little else. Unfortunately, that doesn't make any biological sense and there's been no scientific evidence that such a thing would actually work," said Low.

Still, questionable cures are so commonplace that Health Canada and the Competition Bureau were compelled last Wednesday to issue a warning advising people not to purchase products claiming to fight or prevent swine flu.

Websites

- Health Canada said it was monitoring the Internet and would take action against Canadian websites selling unauthorized products.

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Strike averted at U of T

A strike by contract faculty at the University of Toronto that had been set for today has been averted after a tentative agreement was reached yesterday.

Local 3902 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees said 1,200 sessional teaching staff who belong to Unit 3 reached a tentative settlement with the university's administration at 3 a.m. yesterday.

"We're relieved to have averted a strike for the sake of our students," said union spokeswoman Leslie Jermyn, who is a sessional lecturer in anthropology.

She said it was also a relief not to have gone until the 11th hour of bargaining.

"What we tried to do in these negotiations was make sure that we could bring something home for everybody in this contract," Jermyn said.

One key issue was wages.

"People teaching courses at U of T are still making significantly less than people teaching courses at York (University)," said Jermyn.

Job security was another big issue, Jermyn said, because contract teachers had none.

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Members

- The unit represents a wide variety of members including lecturers, writing and music instructors, who perform three per cent of the teaching at the university.

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Our Plan for Canadians

Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada

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Fellow Canadians:

Sometimes, finding the facts you need to protect yourself and your family from the H1N1 flu virus isn't easy. There are a lot of people giving advice right now.

As the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and a doctor, I am writing to provide you with the facts about the H1N1 immunization campaign underway across the country.

Our plan for Canadians

We're in the midst of the largest and quickest mass immunization campaign in Canadian history. In fact, next week more than 8,500,000 doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine will have been delivered to provinces and territories.

Immunizing millions of people must be done in phases. As much as I wish we could vaccinate everybody all at once, that's just not realistic. This is why public health officials have identified priority groups who need to be vaccinated first. Among them are:

- People under 65 years of age with chronic health conditions
- Pregnant women
- Children 6 months to under 5 years of age
- People living in remote and isolated settings or communities
- Health care workers responding to the H1N1 pandemic or delivering essential health care services
- Caregivers or close household contacts of persons who cannot be vaccinated or who may not respond to the vaccine

Once the priority groups are vaccinated, immunization will begin for the rest of the population with a goal of vaccinating every Canadian who wishes to be vaccinated in the weeks to come.

A phased rollout of the vaccine helps protect everyone — the more Canadians who get vaccinated, the better we are all protected against the H1N1 flu virus.

You can be confident that there will be vaccine available when your turn comes. In fact, Canada is one of the few countries in the world to make enough vaccine available for all its citizens.

I can't emphasize enough that getting vaccinated is a safe and effective way to protect yourself and others against the H1N1 flu virus. Consult your local health authorities or the contact information below to learn more.

Yours sincerely,

David Butler-Jones

Dr. David Butler-Jones
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Dentist slaying suspect due in court

A 33-year-old Toronto man is scheduled to appear in court today charged in the city's 48th homicide of the year. James Chalaturnyk is charged with second-degree murder in the death of 67-year-old Gerald Robert Brown, left, at a home in Yorkville. When police arrived at the scene Wednesday, they reported the retired dentist had suffered obvious signs of trauma. A post-mortem examination Thursday determined he died from a sharp force wound to the neck. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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More bumps in vaccine rollout

Questions swirl around double-dosing nurse who continues to practise

A Brampton man is questioning why the nurse who gave his young daughter and almost a dozen other children a double dose of the H1N1 flu vaccine is still giving out the swine flu shot.

It's just the latest problem to surface in Ontario's bumpy rollout of the vaccine.

That rollout has included vaccine shortages, days-long lineups at public clinics and board members at about a dozen Toronto hospitals and several players and staff from the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs and the NBA's Toronto Raptors being allowed to jump the queue in getting their flu shots.

"Do not take for granted that just because somebody says they are a nurse ... they're going to give you a shot ... you demand to see that the shot is the proper dose."
Ted Hedrich, father

Ted Hedrich said in an interview from his home in Brampton yesterday that he was told his three-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Selena, was one of 11 children who were given the higher dose by a nurse working at the Indell Lane clinic last Monday afternoon.

Hedrich said he was told the nurse now has been retrained on the proper procedure. "I was absolutely shocked" that the nurse was still giving flu shots, he said.

He said he thinks the nurse should lose her licence, noting someone who accidentally shoots someone with a gun would likely go to jail.

Flu Outbreak

Health officials have recommended young children get half the adult dose initially and then get the other half several weeks later.

Hedrich, who is a project engineer manager, said he won't be getting a flu shot when the vaccine is available to the general public.

He said he has sent emails to people he knows, advising them to be cautious when getting a needle and check the dose themselves. "Do not take for granted that just because somebody says they are a nurse or whatever, they're going to give you a shot. You ask about their qualifications and then you demand to see that the shot is the proper dose," he said.

Hedrich remains worried about what long-term effect the double dose of vaccine could have on his daughter.

He said he has consulted with his lawyer, but would not elaborate on whether he is considering any legal action. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Smitherman steps down

RESIGNATION George Smitherman has stepped down from Premier Dalton McGuinty's cabinet to run for mayor of Toronto.

Smitherman, who has mused about a municipal bid for months, made it official during a meeting at McGuinty's midtown home yesterday, tendering his resignation as deputy premier and minister of energy and infrastructure.

"I'm not someone who's going to operate well with one foot in two camps," the Etobicoke native said in an interview with the Toronto Star. "I've taken myself out of the realm of speculation and moved into the realm of certainty. I want to take that track record of getting things done to my city," said Smitherman, who will remain as Liberal MPP for Toronto Centre until he officially launches his mayoral bid before March.
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Police examine bottles taken from a car after a spectacular crash Saturday morning. A woman survived a 25-metre plunge into the Humber River after a suspected road-rage incident.

Driver survives plunge into Humber

CRASH As a 25-year-old Toronto woman appeared in court yesterday, charged in a suspected road-rage incident that ended with a spectacular crash off a cliff into the Humber River, police investigators examined evidence beside her soggy, battered car.

A bottle of sambuca, a mickey of vodka, a crushed Tetrapack of Pinot Grigio wine and an empty beer can.

Heads are still shaking over the bizarre chase and crash that unfolded around 11:30 a.m. Saturday, with observers wondering how the woman survived the 25-metre plunge that saw her Pontiac Bonneville flip in the air and crash upside down in almost two metres of water.

Cynthia Fromstein, lawyer for the accused woman, Ngoc Tran, 25, of west-end Toronto, said her client remains in custody and is to appear in court again tomorrow.
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Drive test could be back on road

STRIKE Would-be drivers whose attempts to get a licence have been run off the road by an 11-week strike by driving examiners could begin taking their tests as early as Nov. 16.

The examiners' union will be tallying the votes Thursday to see if its members will return to the job.

But even if a resolution isn't reached, Ontario driving organizations are lobbying the privately operated DriveTest to use its managers to conduct tests.

Ontarians have been unable to take driving tests since Aug. 21.
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Suspects sought after clothing store robbery
Police are seeking two suspects after a clothing store at Finch and Weston Road was robbed Friday. Police say the bandits took clothing and money from the store. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dalton Days won't fly this time: Union

Ontario's Liberal government has raised the idea of unpaid days off for public sector workers to deal with a record $24.7-billion deficit — so-called Dalton Days — but there are differing opinions on whether or not the province would be able to re-open existing contracts.

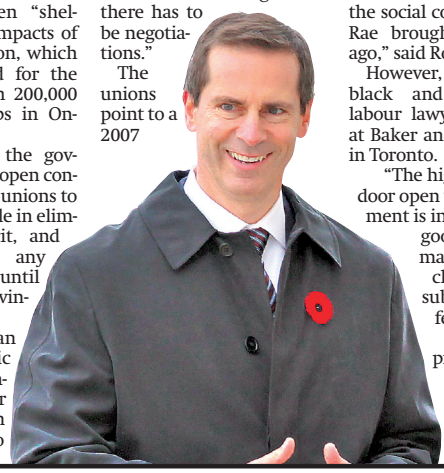
Premier Dalton McGuinty said last week the province's nurses, teachers and other public sector workers had been "sheltered" from the impacts of the global recession, which has been blamed for the loss of more than 200,000 private sector jobs in Ontario.

McGuinty said the government wants to open consultations with its unions to talk about their role in eliminating the deficit, and won't announce any new measures until next spring's provincial budget.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union and the Ontario Nurses Association say the Liberals cannot try a repeat of former NDP premier Bob Rae's social contract, which forced workers to take up to 12 unpaid days off, which were dubbed Rae Days.

"The world has changed since then and now I know we've got the full force of the law behind us," said CUPE Ontario president Sid Ryan.

"There's got to be proper consultations, dialogue and there has to be negotiations."



The unions point to a 2007 Supreme Court ruling which found that the collective bargaining process is protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as it threw out sections of a British Columbia law that re-opened contracts for hospital workers.

The social contract as written in 1993 would be struck down by the court today, said OPSEU's Randy Robinson.

"It won't be a repeat of the social contract that Bob Rae brought in 16 years ago," said Robinson.

However, the issue "is not black and white," said labour lawyer Kevin Coon at Baker and McKenzie LLP in Toronto.

"The high court left the door open where a government is in consultation in good faith, and the matter that's being changed does not substantially interfere in the collective bargaining process. The door is still open to that issue," said Coon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Workplace squabble leaves one dead

A squabble between two workers at a downtown sushi restaurant ended in a stabbing that left one of them dead.

Police were called to the New Generation Japanese restaurant on Bloor St. W., near Brunswick Avenue about 11 p.m. Saturday and found a 27-year-old man bleeding in the kitchen.

He was dead on arrival at hospital.

Another employee, Xu Wang, 25, was arrested at the scene. He is charged with second-degree murder and was to appear today in Old City Hall court.

Homicide Det. Sgt. Terry Brown said the victim and the accused are both Chinese nationals who came to Canada on student visas.

Wang, who is married, came to Canada in 2003 and completed studies at the University of Toronto.

The victim, whose name is being withheld until relatives in China are notified, came to Canada in 2008 and was in an arts program at the Ontario College of Art and Design.

49 The number of homicides in Toronto in 2009.

Brown said police have been able to find no history of arguments between the two.

He said a "minor" dispute began at the front of the restaurant and quickly escalated.

Police seized a sharp instrument, but won't reveal what injuries the victim suffered until after an autopsy today.

He said both men worked in the kitchen and as servers up front.

Brown said there were several patrons in the restaurant at the time of the incident. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pan Am important win for T.O.

GAMES After years of disappointments, Toronto has finally won a major international sporting event, beating two South American cities to host the 2015 Pan Am Games.

The decision came down Friday in Guadalajara, Mexico, where a team including Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Toronto Mayor David Miller made their last pitch to host the games.

Toronto won on the first ballot, with 33 votes, beating out bids from Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia, One vote was spoiled.

The decision came in an hour and a half earlier than expected, a sign to some of the strength of Toronto's bid.

It's an important win for a city that has lost two Olympic bids. Hamilton, which will host some of the events, has also lost bids for two Commonwealth Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SHOOTING A 16-year-old boy was shot multiple times leaving a birthday party in Scarborough early yesterday morning. The shooting took place just after 2 a.m. as the victim was leaving the event at a rental hall near Progress Avenue, Det. Kim Bates said. He was shot in the lower pelvis and legs as he entered the parking lot. The victim was taken to hospital with serious, but not life-threatening injuries. Police are not releasing any information on a possible suspect or motive as they appeal for witnesses. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Man stabbed at CNE-area club

A man was taken to hospital after being stabbed multiple times early yesterday morning at a club at Toronto's CNE. Police say the victim was knifed in the leg at the Muzik club around 2 a.m. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Meat plant not fully cleaned: Documents

REPORT A top-to-bottom scrubbing after a deadly listeriosis outbreak apparently didn't fully cleanse a Maple Leaf Foods plant of mould, slime and meat debris, newly released documents show.

Inspectors found a troubling lack of hygiene at the company's Toronto facility just weeks after it reopened last year from a temporary shutdown for cleaning, according to inspection reports.

Maple Leaf says inspectors were looking more carefully at the plant after the listeriosis crisis, so naturally they found more problems.

And the company's chief food-safety officer, Dr. Randy Huffman, said Maple Leaf put in place more than 200 new standard operating procedures after the listeriosis outbreak but it took workers time to learn them. He said that through that learning process the company has continuously improved its approach to food safety.

Huffman said there was never any reason to be worried about the safety of the food produced at the plant. The head of the federal food inspectors union said, however, that some of what the inspectors reported seeing at the time were "things that people should be concerned about." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Closure

- Maple Leaf closed its Bartor Road deli-meat plant for nearly a month last year after its products tested positive for a bacteria called Listeria monocytogenes. Twenty-two people died and many more fell ill after eating tainted meat from the plant.

Vets encouraged to share war stories

REMEMBRANCE With an average age of 86 and a fatality rate of 500 per week, Second World War veterans, a valuable and dwindling resource, are being urged to share their stories of valour and sacrifice with a new generation before it's too late.

In 1994, there were 500,000 veterans, which means 325,000 have died in just over a decade, said Jeremy Diamond, managing director of the Historica Dominion Institute.

The institute, along with poppy-wearing veterans and the young people they inspired, celebrated the one-millionth Canadian student reached through the national Memory Project in Toronto on Saturday.

Diamond said the veterans and teachers are both feeling the urgency of retelling their private war stories. "There's a real urgency to encourage those that experienced these things during the war to come out and share their experience with young people and really create that necessary legacy," he said. Diamond said the Memory Project Speakers' Bureau, has brought 1,500 veterans to classrooms.

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The Roy McMurtry Youth Centre in Brampton. Youth advocate Irwin Elman is investigating cases of excessive force used at the jail.

Youth advocate probing complaints at super-jail

Investigating calls about food deprivation, cavity searches

Troubled teens promised cutting-edge treatment at Ontario's new $93-million super-jail for youth have instead been deprived of food, denied programming and subject to questionable body cavity searches, according to a review by a senior provincial official.

Irwin Elman, Ontario's advocate for children and youth, is investigating cases of excessive force used by some staff at Roy McMurtry Youth Centre in Brampton, which currently holds 102 male and female youths — 90 of whom are still awaiting trial. Police are looking into at least one of these incidents, he said.

"They talked to me about a lockdown ... There had been a strip search and full-cavity search for the DVD."
Irwin Elman, youth advocate

What's more, despite the centre's much-publicized commitment to "state-of-the-art" programming — a proven tool in preventing young people from becoming repeat offenders — it simply doesn't exist, he said.

"If it's because of lack of staff or lack of good planning, I don't know," Elman said. "But whatever ... it's not there."

From the outside, with its gleaming exterior and manicured yards set on nearly 80 acres of land, the government-funded centre seems to embody the model of positive change its foundation was built on.

Inside, though, it's a much different story.

Elman recounts a particularly disturbing incident.

"They talked to me about a lockdown," he said. "They were telling me that there was a strip search because there was a DVD missing. There had been a strip search and full-cavity search for the DVD."

Staff made the youths "bend over to see if the DVD was in their rear ends," he said.

"That's punishment," Elman said. "To be in that situation, for a young person especially, is punishment."

Elman's findings follow a Toronto Star investigation into the life and death of Ashley Smith, who was jailed at age 14 for throwing crabapples at a postal worker in Moncton, N.B. Smith suffered from mental health issues that were never treated and as a result, spent nearly four years in segregated isolation for bad behaviour.

At 18, she was transferred to the adult prison system where she strangled herself with a cloth ligature.

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Fire crews called to construction site blaze
Toronto fire crews were called to a blaze at the scene of houses under construction Saturday morning. Three houses in the Warden and Burnhill area were affected by the flames. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Researchers probe steroids as treatment

Flu **Outbreak**

Can cheap and readily available treatments like steroids and cholesterol-lowering statin drugs help save the sickest of H1N1 patients? New efforts by researchers in Canada, the United States and France could help answer this pressing question.

Randomized controlled studies looking at whether corticosteroids, statins or a combination of the two could contribute to improved survival rates in gravely ill pandemic flu patients are being organized in the three countries by linked networks of intensive care specialists, according to Dr. John Marshall, chair of the Canadian Critical Care Trials Group.

The aim is to try to gather data fast enough to answer the questions in real time, a goal that eluded researchers during SARS.

Toronto physicians treating SARS cases tried to mount a clinical trial to see whether the antiviral drug ribavirin — which was routinely given to SARS patients for lack of other options — was actually helping. But before the trial could be approved, the disease disappeared. The same could happen with this effort, admits Marshall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Manitoba woman wins $50M lottery

A Manitoba woman has won what is believed to be the largest lottery prize in the province's history and one of the largest ever in Canada. The business that sold the $50-million ticket in the most recent Lotto Max draw says Marie Fontaine of Pine Falls, Man., bought her numbers about one hour before Friday's cutoff. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Quebec City eyeing Olympics: Report

A Quebec City newspaper is reporting the provincial capital will make a bid for the 2022 or 2026 Olympic Games. According to Le Soleil on Saturday, Quebec Premier Jean Charest, left, and Quebec City Mayor Regis Labeaume are expected to name Quebec Remparts president Claude Rousseau to the head of what is being dubbed "Team Quebec." The committee's mandate will be to ensure the provincial capital region has top-of-the-line sports facilities to attract high-level competitions in the run-up to its eventual Olympic bid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grits out of byelection picture?

Rivals pin expected poor showing on Ignatieff's leadership

Liberals expect to be shut out of four federal byelections today and their rivals are already positioning the results as a rejection of Michael Ignatieff's shaky leadership.

The contests will most likely amount to a confirmation of the status quo, with the Bloc Québécois hanging on to two ridings in Quebec, New Democrats holding on to another in British Columbia and the Tories reclaiming a Nova Scotia riding that had been a longtime stronghold until Bill Casey, a former Conservative MP, captured it as an independent in 2008.

But all four races are sufficiently tight that they could conceivably produce upset victories for the Conservatives and the NDP.

In many respects, the more interesting battles are over second place, with both the Tories and NDP hoping that strong — if not winning — finishes will give them that most precious of political commodities: Momentum.

By contrast, the Liberals don't appear to be factors in any of the races. They are expected to do no better than a distant third.

None of the ridings has ever been prime Liberal turf. But rarely has the once-mighty, self-described natural governing party seemed so thoroughly out of contention.

"If you're the official Opposition, I think you'd be expected to do well in byelections in the midst of a global economic downturn," Conservative party spokesman Fred DeLorey said yesterday.

Michael Ignatieff

"I think it says something about leadership."

The Tories are well-positioned to win one contest and come close in two others. Ditto for the NDP.

Anne McLellan, co-chair of the Liberals' national election readiness team, acknowledged the Liberal goal in the byelections is modest: To improve on the meagre share of the vote they won in each riding in 2008.

But she said rival parties shouldn't interpret that as throwing in the towel.

"I think the Conservatives and New Democrats can say what they want, but they probably underestimate the Liberal party and the people in it if they count us out in terms of the longer term," she said.

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Doping evidence left in river: Documents

OLYMPICS After injecting athletes with performance-boosting drugs at the Montreal Olympics, East German officials dumped the leftover serum and syringes in the St. Lawrence River, newly uncovered documents indicate.

East Germany startled the world at the 1976 Games by capturing 40 gold medals, second only to the powerhouse Soviet Union.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago this month, revelations of widespread doping emerged, leading to criminal trials and compensation for athletes unwittingly dosed with steroids.

A chance discovery in the Berlin archives of the notorious Stasi, the East German secret police, led University of Waterloo history Prof. Gary Bruce to a 95-page file on the spy service's operations at the Montreal Games.

A Stasi officer's final report on the Games contains an apparently none-too-subtle reference to the drug program under the subheading Destruction of the Rest of the Special Medicine, noting: "About 10 suitcases of medical packaging, needles, tubular instruments, etc. were sunk in the St. Lawrence River."

The documents make it clear that Stasi chief Erich Mielke saw the Games as a means to improve East Germany's standing in the world by ensuring all went well on the athletic field and that nothing went wrong away from it.

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Olympic torch relay reaches polar bear capital

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

MANITOBA Day 10 of the cross-Canada Olympic torch relay got off to a fitting start yesterday in Churchill, Man., the polar bear capital of the world.

Driving in from the airport with the Olympic flame, the convoy had to stop to allow a polar bear to cross the road.

A mix of tourists, in town for the polar bear season, and residents with Canadian flags, all appeared equally happy to see the flame as they lined the streets on the torch run through town.

The head of the World Wildlife Fund Canada handed off the torch to a young man on a giant tundra vehicle, who rode the massive machine along the beach and past a giant Inukshuk.

Next stop on the torch relay is Alert, Nunavut, a military post on the northeastern tip of Ellesmere Island.

Twenty members of the post who call themselves "the Frozen Chosen" plan to run with the flame into the Arctic darkness, which lasts 24 hours a day this time of the year.

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World Wildlife CEO Carter Roberts is seen carrying the Olympic flame in Churchill, Man., yesterday. The Olympic flame, which travelled all the way from Olympia in Greece, is now on a 106-day cross-country relay that will end in Vancouver on Feb. 12 to mark the start of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Follow the Olympic torch's journey with an interactive map at: metronews.ca

Gas transport cost likely to rise

ENERGY The cost of transporting natural gas eastward from Alberta is expected to rise significantly next year for producers, but that does not necessarily mean consumers will notice a difference on their home-heating bills.

TransCanada Corp. ships about nine-billion cubic feet of natural gas per day along its Mainline system.

The Calgary-based company charges producers a toll for every unit of natural gas that passes through the pipeline.

TransCanada has not hammered out a final price yet, but is in discussions with its customers, who will no doubt feel the pinch.

A lot depends on what sort of contract a shipper has with the natural gas distributor at the other end, said said Tara O'Donovan, a spokeswoman for the National Energy Board.

"If there's a fixed-price contract in place, then transportation costs may not impact the cost that the consumer pays," she said.

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Projected toll

- The toll charged for every unit of gas that passes through the Mainline system is currently $1.19 per gigajoule, but TransCanada warns in 2010 that price could rise to between $1.65 and $1.90 per gigajoule.

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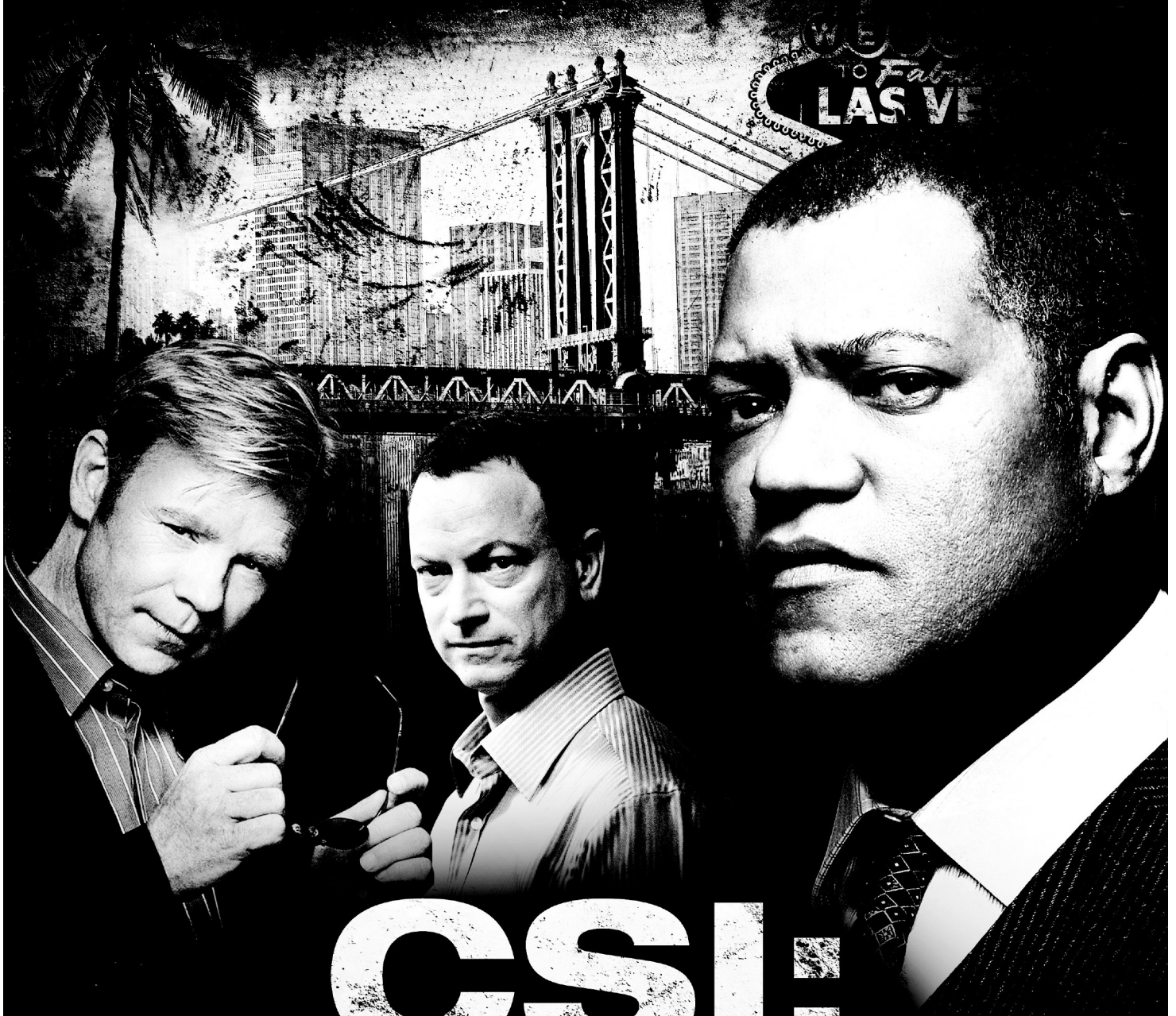

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Early blaze at century home leaves two families homeless

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Killer legacy of asbestos

Building boom left impact

HEALTH An aggressive cancer linked to asbestos is killing more Canadians than ever before, even decades after the end of a boom that saw buildings stuffed with the toxic substance.

The number of reported new cases annually of mesothelioma shot up 67 per cent over a decade and a half — from 276 across the country to 461 — according to the most recent federal figures.

Experts warn that the upward trend will continue for years as Canada feels the residual impact of its asbestos boom, and will likely be far worse in developing countries that still heavily use Canadian exports.

Most people diagnosed with mesothelioma have only six months to two years to live.

In British Columbia, deaths from asbestos-related diseases are up as much as 69 per cent between 2002 and this year, according to the provincial workers' compensation board. Over that same period in Quebec, where asbestos is still mined, the death rate climbed 39 per cent.

40 It usually takes up to four decades for diseases linked to asbestos exposure to emerge.

Mesothelioma, a cancer that is difficult to treat, is linked to past asbestos exposure in more than 80 per cent of cases. It killed 32 per cent more Canadians in 2005 than in 2000, according to the most recent national figures available from Statistics Canada.

In 2008, Canada's $100-million asbestos industry exported 175,000 tonnes of chrysotile.

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Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, are escorted by Rt. Rev. James Cowan into church services yesterday.

Taking royalty in stride

VICTORIA About 200 people waited under leaden skies yesterday to get a glimpse of Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, on their way to Anglican church services in Victoria, B.C.

Bunny Campbell, 87, was on hand to see the prince and his consort greeted by the Right Reverend James Cowan, B.C.'s Anglican bishop. Campbell, who had an upfront view, says she found the experience exciting and frightening at the same time. The church was filled for the Sunday service as the couple dedicated a stained-glass window commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of B.C. The couple leave B.C. today for Ottawa.

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RCMP called to oversee probe into police shooting

REGINA A 27-year-old man is recovering in hospital after he was shot by a Regina police officer.

Investigators said officers were called early yesterday morning to a central-area home where a man inside was reportedly waving around a long-barrelled gun and threatening people. When they arrived, they found a male with a firearm in the backyard.

"He was given instructions to drop the weapon but did not follow police commands," police Chief Troy Hagen said, adding the officer fired his shot shortly after midnight.

Police said one shot was fired, striking the man in the torso. He was taken to hospital where he was listed in stable condition. His name has not been released and there is no indication whether he will face charges.

Police also said the officer who fired the shot has just under five years of experience.

Hagen said incidents like this can unfold very quickly. The RCMP are expected to oversee an investigation into the shooting.

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Police unhurt after car rammed

ONTARIO A 27-year-old Penetanguishene resident is facing numerous charges after a provincial police cruiser was hit by a vehicle overnight.

Police say officers in three cruisers responded to a suspicious vehicle reported at a bank in Penetanguishene early yesterday morning. They say when they arrived, the suspect vehicle accelerated away from the bank and collided with one of the cruisers.

Police say no officers were hurt but officers had to use force to subdue the suspect. The suspect is facing charges of impaired driving, driving over 80 (milligrams), dangerous driving, assaulting police and possession of a controlled substance.

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Man shot in leg outside strip club

An overnight shooting outside a strip club in Gatineau, Que., sent a man to hospital. Gatineau police say the 20-year-old man suffered leg injuries in the 3 a.m. shooting. He's not helping with the investigation, so police are appealing for witnesses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soldiers feed off adrenaline

There's a breed of Canadian troops who are in a league of their own – adrenaline junkies who feed off the energy they get from embracing the world's most perilous jobs.

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Capt. Dave Solaux, centre, instructs troops on search for IEDs.

In war-wracked Afghanistan, Canadian soldiers risk life and limb on a daily basis. But some of them are specialists in jobs considered dangerous even by Canadian military standards, and go way beyond a simple trip beyond the safety of Kandahar Airfield's barbed-wire fences.

Some of the busiest are members of the explosive ordnance disposal unit, also known as the bomb squad — the men and women whose principal job it is to defuse and disarm the countless improvised explosive devices and land mines that litter the Afghan countryside.

The majority of Canadian soldiers who have died in the line of duty have been victims of IEDs, which remain the preferred weapon of the Taliban because they're cheap and easy to make, and yet can exact a terrible toll.

It's Capt. Dave Solaux's job to mitigate that threat.

Solaux, based at CFB Gagetown, has just wrapped up his third tour of duty in Afghanistan. There are safeguards in place when he climbs into the sweltering, heavy-duty cocoon that is the standard-issue bomb suit and inches towards an IED, but one never knows what can happen. "It's a lonely walk … and you're by yourself. You're just going down toward that IED and the adrenaline is just pumping," Solaux said.

"I think you need to have that desire — that will to help and to have that rush at the same time," said Master Cpl. Pierre Desrosiers, 39, a medic from Valcartier, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Medal's long trip home

REMEMBRANCE DAY Ben Walsh knows that not all battles are fought in the theatre of war and victory can sometimes be bittersweet.

The former RCMP officer, whose 33-year-old son Master Cpl. Jeffrey Walsh died in an accidental shooting in Afghanistan in August 2006, was among a group of people who spent more than a year lobbying the federal government to change the criteria for the new Sacrifice Medal.

The medal, as it was announced last year, would have only recognized soldiers killed or wounded by hostile fire, but Walsh didn't think that was fair.

"The criteria that was made up, it left out many soldiers if they weren't in a combat situation," Walsh said.

"On my journey I had written many letters to Ottawa ... to try to change the criteria so that all soldiers, not only my son, would receive a medal for his service in Afghanistan."

Today, two days before Remembrance Day, all that effort will pay off.

Walsh and his wife, Margaret, are to accept the Sacrifice Medal on behalf of their son at a ceremony in Ottawa.

In the end, the medal will be turned over to Jeffrey's widow, Julie, and their three children. The youngest, also named Ben, was seven months old when his father died. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Union slams B.C. bill to end 7-month paramedics strike

VANCOUVER Legislation forcing British Columbia paramedics back to work will do nothing to fix the broken ambulance service, a union official said Saturday.

Members of the B.C. legislature debated the back-to-work legislation overnight Friday and early into Saturday morning to end the seven-month strike by paramedics.

The bill covers 3,500 ambulance paramedics, members of CUPE 873, who went on strike April 1.

The health minister said the strike was putting people's health at risk with the approach of winter and the danger of the H1N1 virus.

The retroactive one-year contract gives the paramedics a three-per-cent wage hike, but critics say it doesn't address staffing, training or equipment issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pedestrian hit by Halifax bus

ACCIDENT Halifax police say a pedestrian hit by a Metro Transit bus in Dartmouth, N.S., is recovering from his injuries. The 50-year old man was at an intersection at 6:30 p.m. Saturday when he was struck by the bus. Police say the man was taken to the Dartmouth General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Police are investigating the accident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada-wide warrant issued for sex assault suspect

Mounties in two B.C. communities are searching for a 35-year-old sexual assault suspect wanted in connection with at least two attacks on women. RCMP say Canada-wide warrants have been issued for Shaun Funk following an incident in Squamish, B.C., on Aug. 28 and another in Ladysmith, B.C., one month later. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Auditors target restaurants

A two-year probe of the restaurant industry in Canada has uncovered at least $40 million in "phantom" cash sales so far, says the Canada Revenue Agency.

And the amount of hidden cash income — with no taxes paid — will likely be much higher once the pilot project concludes in March, officials say.

Agency auditors are swooping in on restaurants across the country to determine whether their electronic cash registers contain illegal software that can selectively delete sales from accounting records.

So-called zappers and phantom-ware have been around since at least the mid-1990s, but prosecutions have been few and far between. The Canada Revenue Agency launched a two-year pilot project in 2008 to better focus its investigations into the so-called "electronic suppression of sales," or ESS, by sending in teams to selected establishments to ferret out hidden software.

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Quebec's check

- The Quebec government, Canada's leader in hunting down cash-register fraud, estimates that cheats in that province cost their treasury $425 million in 2007-08.

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Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach reacts Saturday after winning his leadership review with 77.4 per cent of the vote at the Alberta PC party's annual meeting in Red Deer, Alta.

Alberta Tories give premier support in leadership review

POLITICS Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach shrugged off his detractors and received 77 per cent of the votes cast by Tory delegates Saturday in a mandatory leadership review.

"It's good support given some of the issues that we're facing," Stelmach told reporters after the results were announced to 1,300 cheering delegates.

"It's a big tent and that's one of the reasons for the success of the Alberta Progressive Conservative Party over the decades."

Stelmach had faced division within the Tory ranks in recent months because of the sour economy and nagging controversies, including the troubled roll-out of the province's H1N1 vaccine program.

He also faces a challenge from the upstart Wildrose Alliance, a right-wing party that has been energized by a recent byelection win.

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News in brief

INDUSTRIAL FIRE Fire crews battled through the night Saturday to contain a blaze at a battery recycling and electronics waste plant and nearby recycling company south of Trail, B.C. RCMP said stored lithium batteries exploded after a fire started in a small building at the Toxco plant, and the flames spread next door to plastic and cardboard at Alpine Recycling.

ARREST A man is facing charges including theft of a police vehicle and assaulting an officer after an arrest gone wrong in Labrador. RCMP received reports of an assault at a party in Sheshatshiu. Despite pepper-spraying the suspect, he took off and sped away in the RCMP vehicle, which was parked outside.

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Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health

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Hurricane warning issued for Louisiana, Mississippi

A hurricane watch has been issued for coastal Louisiana and Mississippi as Hurricane Ida begins making its way through the Gulf of Mexico toward the U.S. Ida could reach the northern Gulf Coast by tomorrow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Escobar's son does documentary film

The son of the late notorious drug lord Pablo Escobar is back in the public eye 15 years after fleeing Colombia for a life of anonymity as an architect in Argentina. The former Juan Pablo Escobar, left, is appearing in a documentary titled Sins of My Father, premiering later this month in Argentina and Amsterdam. In the film, he asks forgiveness of the sons of two politicians his father ordered assassinated. Juan Pablo Escobar, 32, changed his name to Sebastian Marroquin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama wins first round

Health care bill clears House in close vote, Senate next

The Democratic-controlled House narrowly passed far-reaching health care legislation, handing President Barack Obama a hard-won victory on his chief domestic priority though the road ahead in the Senate promises to be tougher.

The 220-215 House vote late Saturday cleared the way for the Senate to begin a long-delayed debate on the issue that has come to overshadow all others in Congress.

House Republicans were nearly unanimous in opposing the plan that would expand coverage to tens of millions of Americans who lack it and place tough new restrictions on the insurance industry.

But in the Senate, more than a simple majority is needed for passage, and several centrist Democrats still have reservations, particularly about establishing a government-sponsored insurance program, or public option, to compete with private insurers.

"The House bill is dead on arrival in the Senate," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said yesterday. "It was a bill written by liberals for liberals."

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U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, centre, is joined by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, left, and Rep. George Miller during a press conference at the U.S. Capitol on Saturday in Washington after the passage in the House of the health care reform bill.

Democratic colleague, Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, predicted an overhaul would pass the Senate because "it's essential" to the country's economic success and people's quality of life. "It will take time," he added.

Obama, who went to Capitol Hill earlier on Saturday to lobby wavering Democrats, praised the House in a statement and said he is "absolutely confident" that the Senate will pass its version of the legislation. "I look forward to signing it into law by the end of the year," he said.

The House bill is projected to expand coverage to 36 million uninsured. The United States is the only developed nation that does not have a comprehensive national health care plan.

"It provides coverage for 96 per cent of Americans. It offers everyone, regardless of health or income, the peace of mind that comes from knowing they will have access to affordable health care when they need it," said Rep. John Dingell, the 83-year-old Michigan lawmaker who has introduced national health insurance in every Congress since succeeding his father in 1955. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rise in marriage woes prompts Paris divorce fair

CONFERENCE The city of romance got a lesson in love's hard knocks yesterday, as thousands flocked to the French capital's first divorce fair.

In France, nearly one out of two marriages ends in divorce, according to the country's National Institute of Demographic Studies. More than 130,000 divorces were registered in 2007, as compared to just 50,000 three decades ago.

The "New Start" trade fair aimed to tap into that booming market by bringing together 60 stands offering up both services obviously related to separation — law firms and counsellors — and also more obscure disciplines aimed at helping people get back on their feet, like tarot card readers, makeover specialists and self-esteem coaches. Conferences held throughout the two-day-long fair included talks entitled "Plastic surgery's role in re-conquering your image" and "How to re-seduce your partner using the Gestalt method," as well as "Meeting on the Web."

The fair's organizer, Brigitte Gaumet, said she had the idea for the event after President Nicolas Sarkozy divorced his second wife in 2007.

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News in brief

SUDAN Turkey said yesterday that Sudan's internationally indicted leader, President Omar al-Bashir, will not attend a conference of Muslim nations in Istanbul. Turkey had faced criticism for its planned welcome of al-Bashir, who is the first government leader to face international war-crimes charges.

Omar al-Bashir

FLOODING Forty people have died in El Salvador following three days of heavy rains, Interior Minister Humberto Centeno said yesterday.

ELECTION Iraq's parliament has passed a long-delayed electoral law, paving the way for nationwide elections.

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Pope Benedict honours a predecessor
Pope Benedict XVI, right, made a one-day pilgrimage yesterday to northern Italy to pay tribute to Paul VI, his predecessor who made him a cardinal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bomber kills 12 in market in Pakistan

PESHAWAR A suicide bomber blew himself up yesterday in a market in northwest Pakistan crowded with shoppers ahead of a Muslim holiday, killing 12 people, including a mayor who once supported but had turned against the Taliban, officials said.

In the heavily guarded capital, police shot and killed another suicide bomber before he was able to detonate his explosives at a checkpoint, an officer said.

The incidents underscore the difficulty of combatting militancy in Pakistan, where the Taliban have carried out a series of attacks in recent weeks. The militants have said the assaults are meant to avenge a government offensive in South Waziristan, the main Taliban and al-Qaida sanctuary in the country.

The suicide blast hit the town of Adazai 16 kilometres south of the main northwestern city of Peshawar.

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Germans set to mark 20 years of no wall

Anniversary of Berlin Wall collapse celebrated

Twenty years ago today, they danced atop the Berlin Wall, feet thudding on the cold concrete, arms raised in victory, hands clasped in friendship and giddy hope.

On that cold night, years of separation and anxiety melted into the unbelievable reality of freedom and a future without border guards, secret police, informers and rigid communist control.

This weekend, Germans celebrate with concerts boasting Beethoven and Bon Jovi; a memorial service for the 136 people killed trying to cross over from 1961 to 1989; candle lightings and 1,000 towering plastic foam dominoes to be placed along the wall's route and tipped over.

On Nov. 9, 1989, East Germans came in droves, riding their sputtering Trabants, motorcycles and rickety bicycles. Hundreds, then thousands, then hundreds of thousands crossed over the following days.

Stores in West Berlin stayed open late and banks gave out 100 Deutschemarks in "welcome money," then worth about $50, to each East German visitor.

The party lasted four days and by Nov. 12 more than three million of East Germany's 16.6 million people had visited, nearly one-third of them to West Berlin, the rest through gates opening up along the rest of the fenced, mined frontier that cut their country in two.

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Dominoes stand in front of the Brandenburg Gate yesterday in Berlin. Around 1,000 dominoes were placed on the former border on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and will collapse during a commemoration event today.

Kandahar needs big troop boost: Study

AFGHANISTAN An additional 15,800 troops are needed to properly secure Kandahar so that reconstruction efforts and training of the Afghan army can continue, says a conservative U.S. think-tank.

A presentation by the American Enterprise Institute, widely circulated among western allies, painted a detailed, bleak picture of the American or NATO resources military experts believe are needed to win the fight against the Taliban.

The reinforcements would be in addition to the roughly 6,000 Canadian, American and Afghan combat troops already operating in Kandahar, one of Afghanistan's most volatile provinces.

The assessment comes as military planners in Ottawa examine options for the 2011 withdrawal of Canadian troops.

The study, by Frederick and Kimberly Kagan of the institute's warfare centre, suggests the bulk of any U.S. reinforcements should go to Kandahar.

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15,800

The study said Kandahar needs a bare minimum of one brigade of 3,500 additional troops. But the optimal number to carry out the strategy of securing the population would be 15,800.

News in brief

TIBET Joyous Buddhist pilgrims welcomed the Dalai Lama back yesterday to the Himalayan town he first set foot in five decades ago while fleeing Chinese rule in his native Tibet — a rare trip close to his homeland that has angered Beijing.

MOB Italy yesterday hailed the capture of a wig-disguised mobster who had been on the list of the country's top 30 fugitives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Exiled Thai leader to visit Cambodia

Thailand's fugitive ex-leader, Thaksin Shinawatra, will visit Cambodia this week after being appointed an economic adviser, Cambodia's prime minister said yesterday, inflaming a diplomatic row between the neighbours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Swiss investigate scientist suspected of al-Qaida links

PHYSICS Switzerland has opened its own probe into a nuclear physicist France suspected of al-Qaida links, an official said yesterday

The suspect, who worked at the Large Hadron Collider on the Swiss-French border, is unspecified in Switzerland's investigation, but it is the same case as the French one, the Swiss Federal Prosecutor's Office said. The 32-year-old Frenchman was arrested at his home in Vienne on Oct. 8. Lab officials say he hasn't been at work for most of the year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China plans to loan $10B to Africa, forgive debts

FUNDS China's premier yesterday pledged $10 billion in low interest loans to African nations over three years and said Beijing would cancel the government debts of some of the poorest of those countries.

The announcement by Wen Jiabao looked to deflect criticism that China's investments in the continent were motivated purely by greed. China is one of the largest investors in Africa, along with the United States and Europe.

Wen also said China would build 100 new clean energy projects for Africa over the same period.

"We will help Africa build up financing capacity," Wen said at the start of the two-day Forum on China-Africa Cooperation summit. "We will provide $10 billion in concessional loans to African countries." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Loan rates

- Concessional loans are ones that offer generous terms — better than market rates — to poorer countries.

Mourners gather at massacre memorial

Mourners were asked to pray for the man authorities say went on a shooting spree at Fort Hood and his family, and an Army chaplain exhorted his congregation yesterday to draw together even if the gunman's motives may never be fully known.

"Lord, all those around us search for motive, search for meaning, search for something, someone to blame. That is so frustrating," Col. Frank Jackson told a group of about 120 people gathered at the post's chapel. "Today, we pause to hear from you. So Lord, as we pray together, we focus on things we know."

Worshippers hugged each other and raised their hands in prayer during the service, in which Jackson asked the congregation to pray for the 13 dead and 29 wounded that Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is accused of shooting.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan

The chaplain also urged the crowd to pray for Hasan and his family "as they find themselves in a position that no person ever desires to be."

Candles burned Saturday night outside the apartment complex where Hasan lived. Small white crosses, one for each of the dead, dotted a lawn at a Killeen church yesterday. At least 16 victims remained hospitalized with gunshot wounds, and seven were in intensive care.

Col. John Rossi, Fort Hood's spokesman, acknowledged that the country's largest military installation was trying to move forward with its usual business of soldiering.

The processing centre where the shooting occurred on Thursday remains a crime scene, but the activities that went on there were relocated, with the goal of reopening the centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

REMEMBRANCE Queen Elizabeth II led Britain's annual ceremony for the country's war dead yesterday, honouring them with a moment of silence as the military reported that more than 200 British soldiers have been killed in combat in Afghanistan. The queen joined thousands of troops, veterans and civilians in the traditional two-minute silence on Remembrance Sunday. The service is held every year on the nearest Sunday to the anniversary of the end of World War I at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918, and now pays tribute to the dead in all conflicts, including World War II, Iraq and Afghanistan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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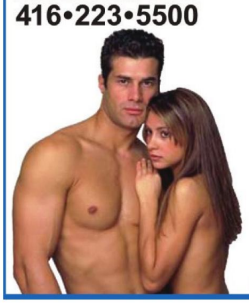

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Fares and fraudulence

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In last Monday's column I predicted the TTC was going to hike fares in the new year. On Wednesday, the agency confirmed higher prices are going to a vote later this month. If approved by the commission, the changes would take effect Jan. 3.

The size of this increase is too much — around 16 per cent on the cost of a Metropass and 11 per cent for tokens. Riders have until Nov. 17 to make the case for a more reasonable price rise, especially on the monthly pass.

By skipping a fare hike in 2009, the TTC and city of Toronto likely made this one worse. People on fixed or low incomes are affected by any boost in transport costs, but a double-digit rise hurts more. My hints to next year's mayoral hopefuls: How about yearly TTC increases (near the rate of inflation) as well as adding transit experts to the board that oversees the agency's huge budget? The commission is the only major city body made up solely of councillors — people with strong business backgrounds are missing.

Predictability might ease the pain of surprise hikes — could it reduce token hoarding, too? After announcing its plan to change prices last week, the TTC limited token purchases to 10 per customer. But the absence of adult tickets (eliminated in 2008) means there is no backup fare medium if token supplies run low.

Quick tip

- Last week I forgot to mention the 192 Airport Rocket route has returned to its original routing — mostly. Several questions remain about its sudden month-long diversion, however.

Speaking of predictions, I'm uneasy about another TTC plan: To install fraud-detection devices on surface vehicles. Starting early next year, riders will have to swipe their Metropasses instead of just showing them to drivers. Updated fareboxes are to be gradually installed across the fleet, which can also spit back fake tokens.

While no engineer, I am concerned that boarding will take longer. If each passenger needs a few extra seconds to verify their fare, I can see this time multiplying on busy routes.

Spokesperson Brad Ross says the TTC has not modelled any potential delays, which I find indefensible. He tells In Transit, "We'll do those studies and impacts, but if it means weeding out fare evaders, that's a small price."

The idea of people not paying their fare is irksome, but what if detecting fraudsters slows down your trip? Comment at metronews.ca/intransit.

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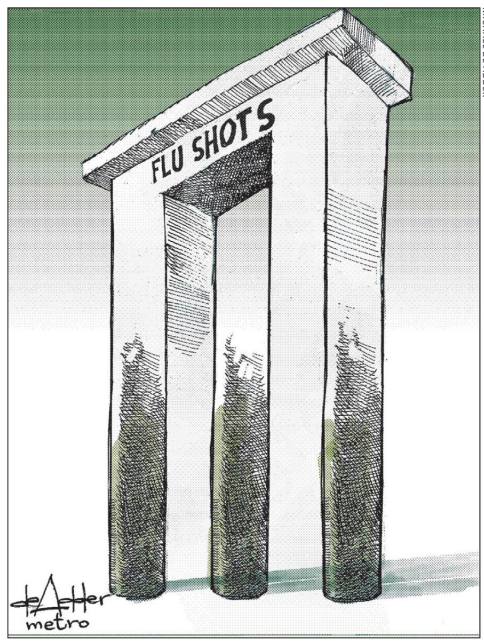

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Views

More reasons to remember November

HineSight

Anne Hines

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Last week, I invited readers to write in with thoughts on the all-important question, "November: What is it good for?" Here are the results.

Seventy per cent agreed there's no excuse for November.

Ten per cent asked for more jokes about the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Five per cent offered November trivia, including Dale (Ottawa), who reports, "When Julius Caesar changed the calendar from 10 months to 12 he left the name of November, which means 'nine,' the same even though it was now the 11th month."

Which just goes to prove that Julius couldn't deal with November either.

An impressive 15 per cent of those who wrote in were actually able to come up with reasons to love November. Here's a sampling.

Joan (Halifax): How can anyone not love November? All those giant bags of Halloween candy go on sale. Not to mention what you can pilfer from your kids' haul. I love this month! Oh, I'm a dentist.

"Seventy per cent agreed there's no excuse for November. Ten per cent asked for more jokes about the Toronto Maple Leafs."

Kathryn in Calgary writes: Thank you so much for letting us know that calories consumed in November don't count. I immediately upsized to an extra-large latte. You were serious about that, right?

Um ... sure ...

Brian (Edmonton): How can you not love November? It's the best month. Too late to have to mow your lawn, but too early to have to shovel your driveway.

I think Brian is onto something here.

Anshul, also from Edmonton, says: I love November because it's the anniversary of when I immigrated to Canada from southern India. In the taxi from the airport I could see snow blowing sideways and I was shivering so hard I thought I'd got sick. I asked the driver if the weather was always like this. He said, "Oh no. Sometimes it gets really wintery." I almost went right back home.

Ah yes, fond memories.

Mara (Edmonton) says: I love November because it's time to decorate my whole house for Christmas!

Mara, putting up Christmas decorations in November is ridiculous. Mine have been up since September.

Katrina writes from Victoria: I love November because it means that in just three months there will be spring flowers in my garden.

OK, from now on, when it's a weather-related question no one from Victoria is included.

John (Toronto): You've forgotten the most important event of November. Remembrance Day. Our chance to remember and to thank those who gave their lives for us.

Yeah and ... no. There's no way to make that funny.

Thank you, John.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Worth mentioning

That's one way to get rid of TV commercials

North Korea's Kim Jong Il recently fired his top TV official for airing a series of advertisements, apparently out of concern that the commercials represented too much influence of capitalism, a news report said yesterday.

Since early July, the North's state TV had aired rare advertisements on beer, hairpins, ginseng and quail meat in what appeared to be the country's first such commercials, sparking speculation the country might launch broader market reforms.

Leader Kim, however, was angered when watching the advertisements recently, saying that "Such commercials are what China did when it started its reforms and openness," according to Yonhap news agency.

Yonhap, citing sources it said are privy to North Korea affairs, said Kim subsequently fired Cha Sung Su, head of a government committee in charge of state-run television.

Seoul's Unification Ministry, which handles relations with the North, said it couldn't immediately confirm the report.

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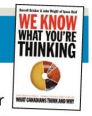

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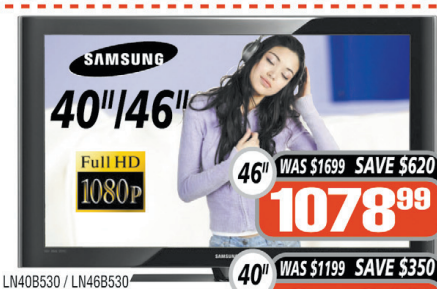

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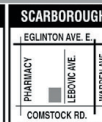

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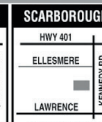

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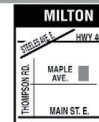

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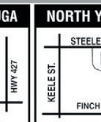

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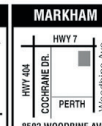

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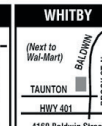

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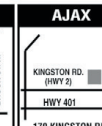

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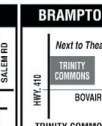

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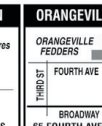

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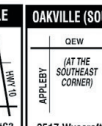

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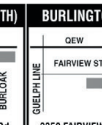

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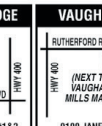

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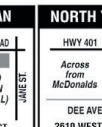

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Freddie Mac does without more bailout money

Virginia-based Freddie Mac's losses narrowed to $6.3 billion US in the third quarter. But the government-controlled mortgage finance company, which has received about $51 billion in bailout money, said it didn't need any more for the second straight quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BlackBerry under siege

Big year for iPhone: Analyst

Even though the BlackBerry is the top smartphone in North America, the iPhone is right behind and other players will also put pressure on its premiere position, analysts say.

"Next year, I think will be a much bigger year for Apple and the iPhone in Canada," said IDC Canada analyst Kevin Restivo.

Bell and Telus switched on their new, advanced wireless networks this week and started selling the iPhone for the first time. Rogers had been offering the iPhone for more than a year.

Now that all three of Canada's big wireless carriers can offer the iPhone, the sexy and sought-after touchscreen phone is expected to end up in more consumers' hands.

"Next year, I think will be a much bigger year for Apple and the iPhone in Canada."
Kevin Restivo, analyst

Close to 25 per cent of Canadian consumers are expected to adopt smartphones by the year's end, said Restivo. "As a result it (Apple) will gain share as the market grows," he said.

RIM will also grow, but its share will decrease over time, Restivo said. "It will own a smaller piece of a larger pie."

Google's Android operating system, in HTC and Motorola smartphones, will also offer more competition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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In spite of lower passenger and cargo revenue, Air Canada turned a profit in the third quarter, thanks to lower fuel prices and foreign exchange gains, the airline said Friday.

Air Canada climbs out of turbulence

AIRLINES Air Canada is seeing small signs of improvement in air travel, chief executive Calin Rovinescu said Friday.

However, he said an airline such as Air Canada that is more reliant on business travel will take longer to recover, noting a full recovery to 2007 revenue levels could be 12 to 18 months away.

In spite of lower passenger and cargo revenue, Air Canada reported a profit in the third quarter — thanks to lower fuel prices and foreign exchange gains.

The airline reported net income of $277 million or $2.44 per share for the quarter ended Sept. 30. That was an improvement from a year-ago net loss of $132 million or $1.32 per share. Its shares closed at $1.16, up two cents Friday on the Toronto Stock Exchange. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investors may dismiss jobs data

MARKETS Stock markets could be in for some further gains this week after a better feeling about the U.S. economy put investors in the mood to claw back a chunk of the losses from the previous week.

The TSX ran ahead 3.11 per cent last week despite disappointing employment data for Canada and the U.S. Friday.

More than 43,000 jobs were lost in Canada last month, a huge miss from economists' consensus, which forecast the addition of 10,000 jobs. And the unemployment rate jumped two-tenths of a point to 8.6 per cent. In the U.S., 190,000 jobs were lost last month, against estimates of about 175,000, while the jobless rate came in at 10.2 per cent, up sharply from 9.8 per cent.

But investors found positive news in the American data, including the fact the last two jobless reports weren't as bad as first appeared. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

BERKSHIRE Paper gains on derivative contracts helped Berkshire Hathaway Inc. triple its third-quarter profit as its insurance businesses did well, but Warren Buffett's company said Friday many of its other operating businesses struggled. The strength of the Omaha-based company's insurance businesses like Geico offset weakness in those more tied to the economy, like NetJets and Berkshire's manufacturing businesses. Berkshire said it generated $3.2 billion US, or $2,087 per share, in net income.

DONLEE Machine parts maker General Donlee Income Fund said sales fell 36 per cent in the July-September period, citing the impact of the economic slowdown on the manufacturing industry. Toronto-based General Donlee, which makes precision-machined products for the military and other industries, said sales were $8.6 million in the third quarter, compared to $13.4 million for the same period last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Auto income trust earns $5.1M
AutoCanada Income Fund said Friday it earned $5.1 million in its latest quarter compared with a loss of $38.3 million a year ago. The auto dealership income trust said the profit amounted to 26 cents per share for the quarter ended Sept. 30 compared with a loss of $1.89 per share a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Financial levy not needed in Canada: Flaherty

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has dismissed the idea of imposing tax on financial transactions to guard against another crisis in the banking sector.

Britain called on the Group of 20 countries Saturday to consider such a global financial levy that would act as an insurance fee on transactions or contingent capital arrangements.

Britan's Prime Minister Gordon Brown said it was time to discuss whether the world needed a "better economic and social contract to reflect the global responsibilities of financial institutions to society."

Flaherty, speaking after the meeting, says the discussion is worthwhile, especially in light of the taxpayer bailouts of financial institutions in Britain and the United States.

It's not particularly a priority in the Canadian situation since we have not had any of our financial institutions fail." Jim Flaherty

But he says the idea is "not particularly attractive" to him because the Conservatives do not want to raise taxes.

Brown told the G20 finance minister's meeting in Scotland that Britain would not act alone, and that any measures must be implemented by all major financial centres. Germany's former finance minister is also in favour of the idea.

But Flaherty was unmoved.

"I think the concept is sound," he said. "I think the idea of the living will idea has some merit and is worth pursuing. It's not particularly a priority in the Canadian situation since we have not had any of our financial institutions fail."

Both the minister and Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney also addressed the bleak outlook in the job market that showed the country lost 71,000 jobs last month — or 43,200 jobs lost when the 27,500 self-employment jobs added during the month are factored in.

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U.S. watchdog shutters four more small banks

Regulators on Friday shut small banks in Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri, bringing the number of bank failures this year to 119 amid the struggling economy and a cascade of defaults on loans.

119 The 119 bank failures this year are the most in a year since 1992 at the height of the savings-and-loan crisis.

The U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took over United Security Bank, based in Sparta, Ga., and Home Federal Savings Bank in Detroit.

The government agency also closed Prosperan Bank, based in Oakdale, Minn., and Gateway Bank in St. Louis.

Ameris Bank, based in Moultrie, Ga., Liberty Bank and Trust Co., Alerus Financial of Grand Forks, N.D., and Central Bank of Kansas City have agreed to buy the assets and deposits of the failed institutions.

The failure of the four banks is expected to cost the federal deposit insurance fund an estimated $132.7 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ticketmaster merger delayed

DEAL In a tacit acknowledgment of a delay in their plan to combine, Live Nation Inc. and Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc. said in filings Friday a shareholders meeting to approve the deal is set for Jan. 8.

The companies had previously said they expected to complete the deal by the end of the year.

Regulatory authorities have been closely scrutinizing the plan, however, potentially delaying it.

The U.S. Department of Justice has not yet given its opinion on the plan.

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The term 'sustainable' may signify the noble intentions of saving our planet, but some young environmentalists wonder if the word's well-intentioned meaning will soon be lost.

'Sustainable' syndrome

Everyone uses it, but what does the S-word really mean?

In the '60s, it was groovy. In the '90s, it was radical. It seems every decade has a trendy word that can either stick in the popular lexicon or quickly become dated or lose its meaning. One word that's getting a lot of use these days is "sustainable."

The dictionary definition states "to be able to maintain at a certain rate or level." However, in the last few years, it's turned into a marketing buzzword that is used to hawk everything from cereal to travel packages. And some young environmentalists wonder if the word's well-intentioned meaning will soon be lost.

Emilia Kennedy, a Simon Fraser University master's candidate, is currently doing her thesis on this subject. The 28-year-old said it's "urgently necessary" to start raising concerns about a word that is so important, yet so broadly used.

"Sustainability is the idea of the three P's, the triple bottom line — people, profit and pandas. Or environment, equity and economy," she said. "It's the desire to do everything right, which is noble. But I started noticing that it came with problems."

Rhianna Nagel with the Environmental Youth Alliance in Vancouver relates to Kennedy's concerns, and said she's worried that "sustainability" is too much of an "easy sell."

"We live in a consumerist society," Nagel, 28, said. "It's tricky to know exactly how to go about getting through to people (about) what their commodities are and what they mean in terms of sustainability."

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Imagine a year of self imposed exile from consumer society — life with no money. Mark Boyle has been living in a caravan, volunteering on an organic farm, using cuttlefish bone and fennel seeds as toothpaste and blogging on his solar powered laptop. And he sounds just fine.

"I planned everything carefully so it's not like it came as a shock. I began my life without money on Buy Nothing Day (buynothingday.co.uk) and I have no intention of returning to my consumer self. I'm going to use the money from a forthcoming book deal to buy a piece a land where I will set up a free community, a place where people can live without money, grow their own food and use up waste food.... That's all part of a long term plan."

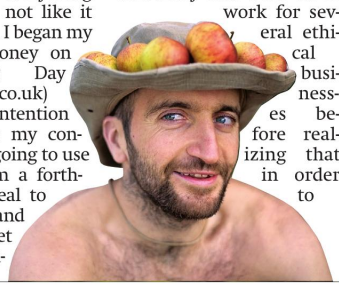
Boyle studied economics (a skill he doesn't regret) at university and went on to work for several ethical businesses before realizing that in order to make a difference, he would need to fully understand what it is he was trying to change.

"I needed to reconnect with the things I consumed in order to see their repercussions. The jolt came three years ago, I was sitting with a friend, discussing world issues. You can campaign all you want but are you solving something?"

For Boyle, a typical day involves foraging for nettle leaves to make tea, cooking on a rock stove and 45 minute workouts using a breeze bloc.

His year without cash officially ends on Nov. 28, but Boyle has no intention of stopping here.

"I don't miss buying, it doesn't appeal to me anymore."



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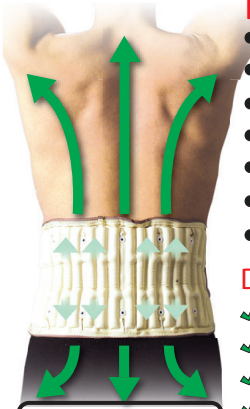

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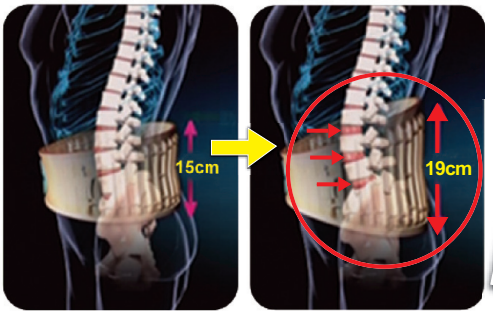

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Nestor picks up another doubles title

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic won their eighth ATP title of the season with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Americans Bob and Mike Bryan yesterday at the Swiss Indoors. The match lasted just 54 minutes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Mickelson rallies to win

Phil Mickelson, left, won the HSBC Champions yesterday by rallying against a familiar foe, but it wasn't Tiger Woods. Mickelson made an 18-footer to save par on the 16th after whiffing on a flop shot, then holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th to close with a 3-under 69, overcoming a late charge by Ernie Els, who was in the lead until making bogey on the final hole. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tampa Bay's Ronde Barber, front, and Roy Miller celebrate Barber's touchdown yesterday after a punt block against the Green Bay Packers. The Buccaneers went on to win 38-28.

Bucs finally remove winless tag

NFL Rookie Josh Freeman passed for 205 yards and three touchdowns yesterday, including a seven-yard throw to Sammie Stroughter on fourth-and-four, leading the previously winless Bucs to a 38-28 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

In his first pro start, the 17th pick in the draft out of Kansas State completed 14-of-31 passes with just one interception. A critical second pick was wiped out by a Green Bay penalty during the go-ahead drive.

The Bucs (1-7) were the last team in the NFL to win this season. It was also the first victory for the league's youngest head coach, 33-year-old Raheem Morris, who replaced Jon Gruden after Tampa Bay went 0-4 in December and missed the playoffs last year.

Elsewhere it was: Arizona 41 Chicago 21; Atlanta 31 Washington 17; Cincinnati 17 Baltimore 7; Indianapolis 20 Houston 17; Jacksonville 24 Kansas City 21; New England 27 Miami 17; New Orleans 30 Carolina 20; San Diego 21 N.Y. Giants 20; Seattle 32 Detroit 20; and Tennessee 34 San Francisco 27.

Dallas visited Philadelphia in the late game.

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'02 Wings a unique team

Three more alumni will enter Hockey Hall of Fame tonight

In a salary cap system, it's hard to imagine there will be another NHL team as powerful as the 2002 Detroit Red Wings.

There are as many as 10 players from that group that could one day be enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame — not to mention coach Scotty Bowman, who was inducted in 1991. The official number will swell to four tonight when Steve Yzerman, Luc Robitaille and Brett Hull officially join Igor Larionov in the Hall.

The former teammates all marvel at the special season they spent together.

"I don't think that could ever be put together ever again, you know," said Robitaille.

Brian Leetch and Lou Lamoriello will join the trio of former Red Wings in the Hall of Fame class of 2009.

Even though Robitaille will be remembered mostly for the time he spent with the Los Angeles Kings, the only time he lifted the Stanley Cup was as a member of the Red Wings in the spring of 2002. That came after a five-game victory over Carolina in the championship series.

Robitaille and Hull were each nearing the end of their careers at that point and helped bolster an attack that featured Yzerman, Sergei Fedorov, Brendan Shanahan, Nicklas Lidstrom and a young Pavel Datsyuk.

The addition of the two veterans helped get the team over the top.

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NHL Hall of Fame inductees Brian Leetch, from left, Brett Hull, Steve Yzerman, Luc Robitaille and Lou Lamoriello were honoured Saturday before the Maple Leafs hosted the Detroit Red Wings.

Mitchell relishing top-line opportunity

MAPLE LEAFS John Mitchell completely understands the opportunity that is before him.

The good news is, through two games, he's been able to deliver.

Mitchell has come to life as the centre between the two most dangerous weapons on the Toronto Maple Leafs — Jason Blake, a speedy pest who despite his foibles still led the team in offence in 2008-09; and Phil Kessel, whose skill and goal-scoring ability give fans sudden hope.

John Mitchell

"It's a huge opportunity for me," said Mitchell. "I'm not going to take anything for granted. I want to make sure I come ready for work every day, and try to make as much chemistry as I can.

"That starts in practice and in games. We've got to be talking to each other on the bench ... and during timeouts, before faceoffs, designing plays."

It might be said that Mitchell has landed this job by default. Matt Stajan was the centre for Kessel's first game as Leaf, but Stajan managed to play his way into coach Ron Wilson's doghouse.

The No. 2 centre, Mikhail Grabovski, has some chemistry building with the other Russian speakers, Nikolai Kulemin and Alexei Ponikarvosky.

But Mitchell might be a good fit for the top line. Not only is he big, strong and fast, he's happy to do the grunt work — dig it out of the corner, or stand in front of the net — while the two skilled linemates make the opposing defence dizzy with their passes.

"Those guys don't like to dump it in, but if I get the puck I'll chip it in and go chase it, get it off the boards to either one of them and they can make plays with it," said Mitchell.

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Sports in brief

OHL Kitchener Rangers defenceman Ben Fanelli is continuing his recovery from a frightening bodycheck at home following his release from Hamilton General Hospital over the weekend. The 16-year-old suffered skull and facial fractures when his helmet flew off and he fell unconscious to the ice after a heavy hit into the boards from Erie Otters forward Michael Liambas during an Oct. 30 contest.

NHLPA Buzz Hargrove has stepped down as interim ombudsman of the National Hockey League Players' Association. The NHLPA made the announcement yesterday after receiving notice from Hargrove. Hargrove replaced Eric Lindros as ombudsman in February.

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Vick to Buffalo?

Tony Dungy says Michael Vick could potentially wind up in Buffalo, which he says previously discussed signing the quarterback. Dungy has served as an adviser to Vick since the Super Bowl-winning coach retired from the Colts after last season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nesbitt's golden weekend

Canadian wins gold on consecutive days at long-track World Cup

Winning gold on consecutive days for the first time in her career was a meaningful accomplishment for Christine Nesbitt, but she's smart enough to place it in the proper context.

The 24-year-old from London, Ont., zipped to a decisive victory in the 1,500 metres yesterday at the season-opening long-track speedskating World Cup, a performance that followed her win Saturday in the 1,000.

Her time of one minute 55.54 seconds in the 1,500 was nearly a second and a half better than runner-up Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic, who finished in 1:56.99.

"This is a first," she said on a conference call afterwards. "It's really cool, start of the season, it's a long way to the Olympics still, and just because I won this weekend doesn't mean I'm going to win gold in Vancouver. But it's exciting."

Sablikova's skate prevented a Canadian sweep of the podium, as Brittany Schussler of Winnipeg was third in 1:57.26 while Kristina Groves of Ottawa was fourth in 1:57.62.

Denny Morrison of Fort St. John, B.C., made it a three-medal day for Canada by finishing third in the men's 1,500.

Schussler won her first individual World Cup silver medal at the distance last year in Berlin.

Cindy Klassen of Winnipeg, on the comeback trail after surgery on both her knees last year, was ninth in 1:58.63, while Justine L'Heureux of St-Tite, Que., was 24th in 2:04.32.

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Christine Nesbitt glides her way to winning the women's 1,500-metre race yesterday at the speedskating World Cup in Berlin, Germany. Canada's Cindy Klassen skates in the background.

Short track

- Canadian Charles Hamelin picked up his third medal of the weekend at the short-track speedskating World Cup by taking the bronze in the 1,000 metres yesterday in Montreal.

Hamelin, of Levis. Que., could not break through a wall erected by South Koreans Sung Si-Bak and Lee Jung-Su in the final laps of the race.

Hamelin, who won gold in the 500 and 1,500 metres Saturday, said the gruelling schedule this weekend at the Maurice Richard Arena was a factor in the 1,000.

Later yesterday, Canada won silver in the men's 5,000 relay while the women's relay team took bronze in the 3,000.

Chelsea extends Premiership lead with win 1-0 over United

SOCCER John Terry headed Chelsea to a 1-0 victory over Manchester United to extend the team's Premier League lead to five points yesterday, despite rarely threatening the defending champions.

Chelsea had been frustrated by United for 76 minutes, but then profited from a contentiously awarded free kick when United midfielder Darren Fletcher was judged to have fouled defender Ashley Cole.

Frank Lampard whipped the ball into the penalty area and captain Terry connected with a glancing header to clinch Chelsea's 11th consecutive win in all competitions at Stamford Bridge.

"It was a bad decision, but there's nothing we can do about it. You lose faith in refereeing sometimes," said United manager Alex Ferguson, who is already facing a Football Association punishment for criticizing match officials.

"The referee's position to make the decision was absolutely ridiculous, he can't see anything. He's got a Chelsea player (Joe Cole) standing right in front of him and he doesn't even move."

Elsewhere in the EPL, it was: Hull 2 Stoke 1; West Ham 1 Everton 2; and Wigan 1 Fulham 1.

On Saturday, it was: Aston Villa 5 Bolton 1; Blackburn 3 Portsmouth 1; Manchester City 3 Burnley 3; Tottenham 2 Sunderland 0; and Wolverhampton 1 Arsenal 4. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

CIS The UBC Thunderbirds won a record-setting 12th CIS women's field hockey title yesterday with a 6-0 gold-medal win over the Alberta Pandas. The No. 2-ranked Thunderbirds' triumph is their first since 2006 and gives them one more Mc-Crae Cup championship than the University of Victoria and two more than Toronto.

BASEBALL The Philadelphia Phillies have declined their $5.5-million US 2010 option on third baseman Pedro Feliz.

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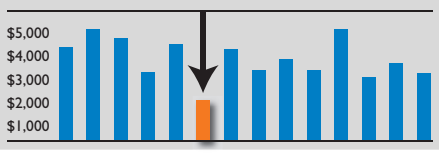

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Vancouver Community College appoints new president
Vancouver Community College's board has named Kathy Kinloch as the school's new president. Kinloch comes to VCC from her current role as dean of health sciences at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

New school at Waterloo

Last week, the University of Waterloo will launch the first school in North America focusing on environmentally responsible business and development. The School of Environment, Enterprise and Development aims to provide sustainable solutions to key local and global environmental, social, and development challenges through education, research, and training. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Surviving office gossip

Buzz can come in many forms and is often damaging to the workplace

Office gossip can go from mean to nasty to vitriolic with stunning speed, all the while staying subtle and scattergun enough to cause maximum havoc, a landmark new study has found.

And it's the under-the-radar invective at formal meetings, rather than the water cooler chit-chat, that carries the most venom, reported the study in the current Journal of Contemporary Ethnography.

But for office workers who pay attention, following the trail of blood left by those verbal knife wounds can be invaluable, study lead author Tim Hallett, assistant professor at Indiana University, said.

"Often people say, 'I can't tell how things get done.' If you're attentive, you can see who has the informal status. It can help you understand how work actually gets done."

Hallett's study used two years of hanging out in the teachers' lounge, studying videotapes of 13 meetings and shadowing administrators at an urban elementary school in the U.S. Midwest in the throes of adjusting to a new, feared and unpopular principal.

In those 13 meetings, Hallett recorded 25 instances of gossip during the "business" part of the meeting, rather than the conversations before and after.

Researchers "were able to watch the power dynamics as the gossip unfolded" in an atmosphere of gossip masquerading as work.

Though often restricted to water cooler chit-chat, office gossip carries the most venom and adds more to workplace dysfunction in the form of under-the-radar invective at formal meetings, a new study says.

If you're not attentive enough to see who has the informal status, you miss the spectacle of "reputational warfare" in which an oblique criticism of someone — in this case, the new principal — escalates as other people pile on with their own criticism.

That phenomenon, in fact, is documented more closely in another study just published in the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology which describes blame as contagious.

"When people blame others for their mistakes, they learn less and perform worse," said study author Nathanael Fast of the University of Southern California.

Their study tested the propensity for people to blame others in an exercise after they read an article about someone blaming others or after they read an article about someone accepting blame. Reading about blame increased the level of blame. The Fast study also tested whether people would do the same after writing about their own core values. With their self-esteem reinforced, the study said, the "blame contagion" stopped.

High school again

- The study found adults more wily at badmouthing someone than, say, teenage girls in a lunchroom.

The teachers in their staff room argued gossip was their only weapon left against the principal, who left job advertisements in the mailboxes of teachers she wanted to shake up.

"It can be easy to miss. The teachers were good at cloaking the gossip." The more important the target, the study found, the more indirect the gossip.

In the new principal's early months, teachers filed so many complaints against her the education authorities investigated, but the principal was vindicated. And the gossip went into overdrive. "The gossip empowered them when they had no formal avenues left," said Hallett. "Ritual interactions bring us together."

At one meeting, a teacher mentions a previous principal and another chimes in: "It was so calm, you could teach, no one was constantly looking over your shoulder. We didn't have to do all this extra stuff." From there, others join in.

"When people blame others for their mistakes, they learn less and perform worse."
University Professor Nathanael Fast

How to combat it? "You're not there, so you have to rely on friends when people are talking behind your back. There's only one opportunity when you've got to challenge them. Otherwise, people jump in and it becomes increasingly negative."

Changing the subject, tossing in a positive comment or reminding gossipers that the past wasn't all that rosy are ways of deflecting the damage, Hallett said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Workology in brief

ALBERTA SCHOOL + OIL Imperial Oil has donated to the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology a Bombardier Challenger 601-3A, valued at $8 million, for use in the School of Transportation's aircraft maintenance, avionics, and structures programs. No longer required to meet Imperial's corporate travel needs, the jet has been de-registered and is no longer eligible to fly in Canada. The jet will provide on-the-ground training for over 250 SAIT students annually. In addition to the aircraft, Imperial also donated associated ground support equipment and spare parts inventory.

3-D INSTRUCTION AT BCIT Last week, the British Columbia Institute of Technology announced the launch of the CUBE, a two-year initiative that will move the school's learning and teaching to a new level through the development of interactive 3-D simulations. The CUBE project will place 3-D simulations of expensive, rare, and modern equipment into the hands of every BCIT student, who will be able to manipulate virtual objects from rail cars to knee joints. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Newfoundland and Labrador tries to attract youth

Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams announced last week the launch of a provincial youth retention and attraction strategy. Developed in collaboration with youth, the strategy is aimed at strengthening the labour market among other things. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Believe it or not, resumés often get the twice-over

JOB APPLICATION It's usually flattering when someone hangs on your every word. For job seekers, this kind of scrutiny takes on a whole new meaning. According to a new survey by OfficeTeam, executives spend more than six minutes, on average, screening each resumé received. Considering these documents are usually only one or two pages in length, this suggests many are being examined with a fine-toothed comb.

Executives were asked, "Approximately how much time, in minutes, do you spend screening each resumé when reviewing job applicants for an advertised position?"

The average response was 6.4 minutes.

"Executives are paying extra attention to application materials to avoid costly hiring mistakes — something no company can afford," said Robert Hosking, executive director of OfficeTeam. "To improve their chances of passing the initial screening process, job seekers should craft resumés that are accurate, clear and error-free."

Some tips:

- **Get off to a good start:** Be specific and concise when describing past accomplishments and highlight these achievements up front.
- **Tailor the content:** Customize your resumé so it speaks directly to a potential employer's needs.
- **Do the two-minute test:** Ask a friend or family member to review your resumé and summarize its key points for you. Make sure the most valuable information is being conveyed to readers.
- **Keep it simple:** Refrain from using complicated language, graphics or distracting fonts that can make the resumé difficult to read.

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'The best of both worlds' at college and university

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Articulation agreements between colleges and universities allows students to make their education mobile, starting at one and switching to another midstream to track developing career plans. While such arrangements are newer in Ontario and Nova Scotia, they've been happening for decades in Alberta.

McMaster University and Mohawk College, both in Hamilton, Ont., recently teamed up to offer a Bachelor of Technology Program. Alan Murray, executive director of the partnership, says it enables students to get a merged four-year Bachelor of Technology degree from McMaster and a Diploma in Technology from Mohawk, or a university degree completion for graduates of a three-year diploma.

The integrated program "meshes the best of both worlds," giving students a broad education ranging from ethics to work placements. "Basically, the graduates are ready to hit the ground running."

Ron Woodward heads the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfers, the body that facilitates more than 60,000 "transfer agreements" between Alberta education institutions. It's been operating since 1974.

"The fundamental difference in Alberta is we operate both at a course and a program level. A student starting at a college will be able to transfer some or all of those courses to another institution, be it a college or a university," Woodward says. A student may start at a local college and decide to study at the University of Alberta. A university student might decide to focus on a trade and switch to a college.

The agreements mean students can move across the province and between institutions while bringing their education with them.

"In Alberta, almost half of the transactions do not involve a university. It's college to college, college to technical institute," he says.

"Increasingly, the universities are becoming sending institutes, not receiving. The landscape is changing tremendously."

In all cases, the diploma or degree comes from the receiving institution. "It's absolutely critical what you learn at the sending institution prepares you for success at the receiving institution," Woodward says.

The Nova Scotia Community College has articulation agreements with post-secondary institutes across Canada and the U.S. A popular choice is the "two plus two" block transfer, where a student study at NSCC for two years and transfer to a university, earning a degree/diploma in four years while taking advantage of the college's lower tuition fees and more work-centric approach.

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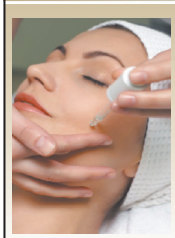
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MPP Tabuns calls for more green jobs

How to stimulate Ontario's economy while protecting the environment at the same time was the focus of the Good Green Jobs for All conference in Toronto on Saturday.

About 550 environmentalists, members of the labour movement and people interested in social justice attended the sold-out conference which featured speeches and workshops.

"There's a huge opportunity out there to put people back to work and to rebuild Ontario's industrial base, its manufacturing base," said Ontario New Democrat environment critic Peter Tabuns, who was one of the speakers at the gathering.

In an interview, Tabuns said 250,000 people in Germany work in renewable power, while in Toledo, Ohio, 6,000 people work in the solar industry — many of whom used to make windshields for cars.

In Pennsylvania, the government signed a $650 million alternative energy bill into force in July, he said, and the state expects renewable energy will employ 10,000 people.

Billions of dollars have been invested in producing electric car batteries in Michigan and $1 billion has been invested into electric car production in Australia, said Tabuns.

"You can just see there is a tremendous opportunity for us to get jobs that are going to make a difference in people's lives, and clean up the air and deal with climate change at the same time," he said.

Wind turbines, solar panels, biogas generation plants, or expanding deep-lake water cooling are just some of the green technologies Ontario should be taking more advantage of to create jobs, said Tabuns.

Tabuns cited a recent study that said up to one million trades jobs could be created if every home in Canada was retrofitted to make it more energy efficient.

The former executive director of Greenpeace Canada said the conference was not so much a discussion about technology as one about how to get our society moving on a green jobs initiative and how to secure investment and government support — both financial and legislative.

The reality is people are going to need jobs and we have to deal with climate change, said Tabuns, adding the most productive to take on those issues is investing in renewable power.

Tabuns pointed to Denmark's $6 billion-a-year wind power industry which employs more than 20,000 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jobless in Canada

- Statistics Canada said Friday that Canada's struggling economy shed 43,200 jobs last month for a national jobless rate of 8.6 per cent, up from 8.4 per cent in September. Ontario's unemployment rate rose a tenth of a point to 9.3 per cent in October.

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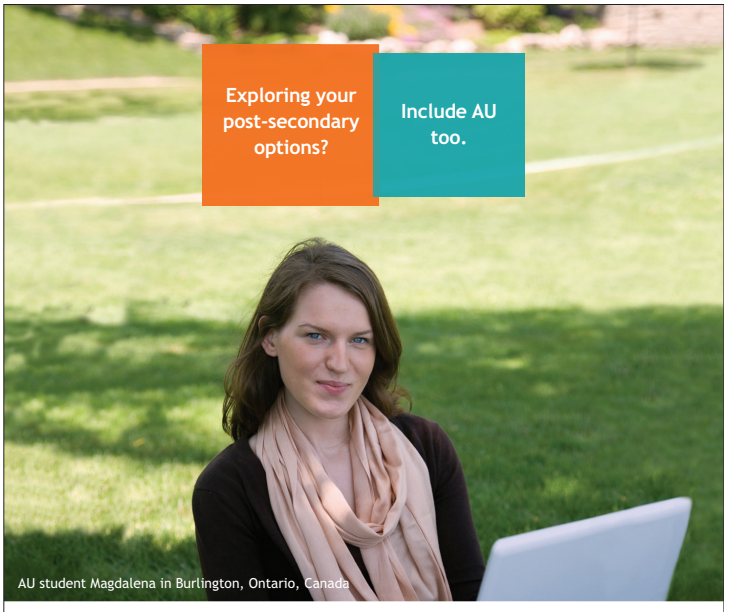

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University of Toronto students hold rallies in support of blind professor

A group of University of Toronto students have been organizing rallies this week to protest news that blind professor Rod Michalko's contract might not be renewed after this academic year due to budget constraints. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Like mapping the wild west, but for water

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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As a child growing up in Mexico, Alfonso Rivera used to look out his window waiting for the rain to start. He loved seeing how the rainy season would transform cracked, dry dirt into to moist mud. "I would smell the soil and put it on my tongue."

He forgot about the mingling of water and earth when he did an undergraduate degree in civil engineering. But soon he became interested in hydraulics and underground water and ended up doing his PhD in Paris in hydrogeology — the study of groundwater and how it moves through underground rock.

This relatively new science — it's less than a hundred years old — was in demand in Europe after Rivera finished his studies. Companies were looking for underground places to safely store wastewater from nuclear power plants, so he kept busy for nearly 15 years studying rock formations and aquifers in Germany, Switzerland and France.

Then, in 1999, he heard about a job in Canada. The Geological Survey of Canada, which is part of Natural Resources Canada, wanted to do a groundwater inventory of the whole country. This was a unique opportunity; most of the groundwater across Europe and the U.S. is already mapped.

"It makes me feel like those adventurers who went west in the 18th and 19th centuries," says Rivera, who got the job, became fluent in English — his fourth language — and fell in love with Canada and Quebec City, where he lives.

To map out an aquifer, hydrogeolgists go to an area where groundwater is suspected — Rivera can tell from looking at a landscape merely from the window of a helicopter what might lie beneath — and drill small wells called piezometers from which they collect water to test it and measure its pressure.

Using numerous piezometers over a few months, Rivera can construct a mathematical model that helps him map out where water lies underground.

In his current job, however, he spends most of his time in the office. He deals with data and mathematical models and spends a few hours each days communicating with his staff across the country. He's also the scientific editor of two academic journals, so he reads, writes and edits each day.

The Lowdown

Job title: Hydrogeologist
Salary: $70,000 to $200,000
Training/education: A masters or PhD in hydrogeology
Best Part of the Job: "I like it when I get requests from ordinary citizens and I can be helpful, it's very satisfying."
Worst Part of the Job: "I work for government. So sometimes I have to stop doing my science to do what someone asks me to do."

As well, as a professor at Laval University, he devotes about one day a week to working with his masters and PhD students.

This new field is a busy one, with not enough hydrogeologists for the work available.

"As soon as we have a student finish a masters degree, they're already gone before they're done their thesis."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Boyle to appear on Dancing with the Stars
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New collection
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Spotlight on New Moon

Cast of Twilight sequel prepares for flood of international attention

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Actress Nikki Reed plays the unapologetically vampiric character Rosali in the Twilight sequel New Moon.

The allure of the vampire is as eternal as its lifespan. Who in their right mind wouldn't want to cheat death, to survive the centuries, observing the turning of the Earth indefinitely?

The fact that you'd have to be denied the shining of the sun and be forced to feed off the blood of the living is only a mild annoyance.

It's that fantastical headspace that Stephenie Meyer has capitalized on, anyway.

Meyer's Twilight series — which tells of the adventures of the undead Cullen clan and the young mortal girl who becomes entwined in their lives — was a runaway success whose parlay into film last year only increased its cult of obsessive admirers.

Now, with the impending release of the Twilight sequel New Moon (opening across North America on Nov. 20), the young cast who make up its motley crew of bloodsuckers, werewolves and victims both willing and unwilling are preparing for even more international exposure.

But, as co-star Jackson Rathbone tells Metro, sometimes the spotlight can be scary.

"During the filming of New Moon, I decided to go across the street from my hotel and get a coffee," says Rathbone, who reprises his role as the gentle, adoptive undead brother of actor Robert Pattinon's lead vamp Edward Cullen.

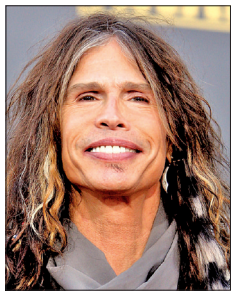
"Suddenly I was cornered by a half dozen paparazzi, then a massive wave of fans came over and demanded autographs. Then, out of nowhere, without saying a word, a woman hands me her two-year-old kid and starts snapping pictures. Here I am looking at this kid and he's looking at me and neither of us know what's going on. I felt like chum at a feeding frenzy."

Taking over directing reigns for New Moon from Twilight's Catherine Hardwicke is filmmaker Chris Weitz (About a Boy, The Golden Compass). As actress Nikki Reed states, Weitz's vision is much different and more appropriate for New Moon's darker tone and expansive narrative.

"There are way more special effects in this one, " says Reed, who's beautiful, blond and unapologetically vampiric character Rosalie still sneers at her brother Edward's affections for the human Bella (Kristen Stewart).

"I think because of his experience handling huge amounts of FX in The Golden Compass he found a fantastic balance between the drama and the visuals. He came to the project with answers and solutions and that's what we needed."

On the web
- Visit metronews.ca to see a clip of Jacob — played by actor Taylor Lautner — transforming into a werewolf.



Steve Tyler

Tyler leaves Aerosmith, report says

The rock band Aerosmith may really be living on the edge, as reports surface that lead singer Steven Tyler has left the band.

Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry tells the Las Vegas Sun, "Steven quit, as far as I can tell."

Frontman Tyler apparently told classicrockmagazine.com that he's moving beyond the band, stating that he's going to be "working on the brand of myself, brand Tyler."

The Boston Herald reported there may be tension between Tyler and the group because the lead singer, who's been in and out of rehab throughout his career, has fallen off the wagon — making it difficult for Aerosmith to get insurance for future tour dates.

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Woods sues hospital

Actor James Woods has sued a Rhode Island hospital over the 2006 death of his younger brother. Woods says he wants "justice" for his brother, Michael, who was 49 when he died at Kent Hospital in Warwick of an apparent heart attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Box office

A Christmas Carol is the top film at the box office.

1. **A Christmas Carol:** $31 million US
2. **Michael Jackson's This Is It:** $14 million
3. **The Men Who Stare At Goat:** $13.3 million
4. **The Fourth Kind:** $12.5 million
5. **Paranormal Activity:** $8.6 million
6. **The Box:** $7.9 million
7. **Couples Retreat:** $6.4 million
8. **Law Abiding Citizen:** $6.2 million
9. **Where the Wild Things Are:** $4.2 million
10. **Astro Boy** $2.6 million

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Tale of Love and Savagery

Film tells story of geologist who moves to small Irish town and falls in love

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canda

Director John N. Smith and writer Des Walsh have shared a long and fruitful artistic relationship on such projects as the award-winning TV series The Boys Of St. Vincent and Random Passage.

Their latest project is the film Love And Savagery — opening this Friday — that sees the pair adapt a collection of poems written by Walsh. Smith says the film has been years in the making.

"We spent many intensive months working on the Boys of St. Vincent and we were sitting in Des' kitchen one day talking about future projects," Smith said. "We had been talking about matters of the heart and I said, 'Des, how about Love And Savagery: The Movie. The themes in that book of poetry lend to a love story, so write me that story.'"

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Allan Hawco plays Michael McCarthy in Love And Savagery.

Smith and Walsh spent years determining how the lyrical and occasionally painful poems could be translated into a narrative before settling on the story of a young geologist from Newfoundland who moves to a small town in Ireland to study a rare limestone formation and falls in love with a local girl planning on joining the convent.

Their burgeoning relationship upsets the balance of the close-knit community, leading to the savagery part of the tale.

"It took a lot of back and forth, but essentially we started with a template of a trip to Ireland that Des had made with a friend of his," Smith said. "The characters are so well-suited to each other, that one wanted them to get together. But, that couldn't happen. We had to have the emotional devastation. For Des, Love and Savagery isn't just about physical savagery, but the savagery of the human heart."

Love And Savagery opens in theatres this Friday

Of course, the love story was not the only reason John N. Smith had for making the film. It also gave him another opportunity to explore Newfoundland and Ireland, two places that have been a major influence on the director's life and work.

"I've become a kind of explorer of the soul of Newfoundland from afar," said Walsh. "There must be something Celtic in my soul that drives me to there and Ireland. Particularly through someone like Des Walsh who has an interesting and complex relationship with his mother country, one that reminds me a bit of the relationship that a lot of Quebecers have to France.

"A lot of Irish people come to Newfoundland and say that it feels like a corner of Ireland."

For both Smith and Walsh, capturing the essence of these two locations was as important as anything they were trying to say with the plot or themes of the film. In this way, Love And Savagery plays as an almost culminative work for the long-time collaborators. But it won't be the last time they will work together. "Des and I have started kicking a new idea around," revealed Smith. "It's too early to say anything more, but we are working on something."

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Joe Francis Gone Wild over court ruling

A judge sentenced Girls Gone Wild founder Joe Francis on Friday to 301 days already served and a year of probation for filing false income tax returns and bribing Nevada jail workers. U.S. District Judge S. James Otero accepted the terms of a plea deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gleeks blurring line between show and fans

How Fox's hands off approach to Glee fan recreations has spawned a rabid new kind of viewer

Socialite

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• Socialite is Metro Canada's new social media column, exploring the online world and the human side of technology. Read it every Monday.

You can finally raise up your L for Loser hand sign again: After an almost month-long absence, the one big karaoke fest that is Glee returns to Global this Wednesday with a much-anticipated block of new episodes.

Of course, if you're the savvy Gleek — get it, Glee-geek — you weren't exactly pining away in vain: You were Facebook-ing Fox clips to your friends on the status feed, already in the know about the music covered on this week's episode (like Generation X's Dancing With Myself).

You maybe even downloaded those music covers off iTunes, and perhaps even purchased last week's release of the Glee – The Music, Volume 1 compilation.

(I bet you were also even the first to know about Calgary native Cory Monteith's — who plays jock lead Finn — Gemini Awards presenter gig via his @Frankenteen Twitter account.)

Since Fox aired Glee's pilot in May, it's helped to accelerate the Gleek fandom growth with accessible behind-the-scenes online tidbits dropped on the show's website and Twitter account (@GLEEonFOX) and, surprisingly, also took a hands-off approach to the fandom's user-generated products.

Take for example the unique Gleek-ish "re-doing" video: Youtube-posted covers of Glee's own out-there covers of '80s rock anthems, current pop-charting hits, and Broadway showtunes — all complete with matching choreography.

The Official Gleeks are stepping up the re-doing game to Rock Horror Picture Show heights by reenacting scenes with students from Ohio's Indian Creek High School.

Web watch: Glee styling

•Want to emulate the Glee's nectareal guidance councillor Emma Pilsbury's penchants for tone-on-tone pencil skirts, blouses and cardigans? Click onto the stylish episode recap blog What Would Emma Pilsbury Wear? (wwepw.blogspot.com/), which sources out the mass market retailer versions of Pilsbury's bow-neck blouses, flowered cardigans, and yup, those classic sweater guards.

Yale classmates Kurt Schneider and Sam Tsui's offered their own popular take on Glee's Don't Stop Believing cover. The duo posted their version in June, with multiple versions of Sam singing lead and harmonies. By the fall, their re-doing vid had over a million hits and even warranted a Bonnie Hunt Show appearance.

Long gone are the days of fansite shutdowns and ceast-and-desist letters. On MIT's Convergence Media Consortium weblog, research associate Alex Leavitt explains how the "re-doing" vid phenomenon is a win-win situation for consumer and producer.

Since Gleeks' re-doing vids are "performative copies of the original," the original Glee product hasn't been threatened but rather heightened. According to Leavitt, it's probably FOX's "work of mouth" marketing strategy that'll keep fans interested in between episodes.

Mad Twitter world

• Last year saw a fictional Twitter conversation between characters of the show Mad Men; @PeggyOlsen and @FrankAdman. FOX has clearly taken note with the official character Twitter account for Glee's coach, @S_Sylvester-GLEE, popping up. Look for the fakes too @Coach-Sylvester, etc..

"Fans are reading and understanding the story not by recreating situations and bending the narrative, but by reproducing the situations and scenarios in their personal lives."

Now, more than ever, the lines between show and fan are becoming blurred.

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of niches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reeraw

Elvis' hair for sale
A British auction house says it's selling a strand of Elvis Presley's hair preserved for decades by a fan. The auction house said Saturday the strand is owned by Thomas B. Morgan Jr. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woman 'driving force' in thefts: Cops

Investigators cracked a youthful burglary ring that preyed on Hollywood's rich and famous, often brazenly walking into their unlocked homes to make off with cash, jewels and family heirlooms, authorities said.

A suspect turned informant told police that a 19-year-old woman was the "driving force" in the thefts, motivated by a desire to own the designer clothes and jewelry of such celebrities as Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton.

According to a Las Vegas police search warrant obtained by The Associated Press on Friday, Nicholas Prugo told Los Angeles police detectives that Rachel Jungeon Lee spearheaded the break-ins.

Prugo told police Lee, 19, would suggest a target, then Prugo would trawl the Internet for information about where they lived and when they would be away from home. Las Vegas police were involved because Lee lives there.

Officials said Lee was booked on a charge of possession of stolen property charge and released after posting $3,000 bail. Prosecutors in Los Angeles asked police to investigate her further. She could not immediately be reached Friday for comment.

Police say that Lee and Prugo were part of a group of at least six that stole from October 2008 until September.

After watching a house, they would break into the poorly protected properties, often by simply walking through unlocked doors.

Prugo said they removed cash, narcotics and thousands of dollars worth of jewelry, including family heirlooms.

Actress Rachel Bilson was one of the victims of a burglary ring that preyed on Hollywood's rich and famous.

"Prugo admitted to committing all of the burglaries and that Rachel Lee was with him during the residential burglaries of the homes of Audrina Patridge, Lindsay Lohan, Orlando Bloom, Rachel Bilson and the Hilton family."
Las Vegas police search warrant

Acting on a tip, police arrested 18-year-old Prugo on Sept. 17.

He initially refused to talk to police but on Oct. 6, he and his attorney met with detectives and Prugo "provided a full confession, and implicated several other suspects," court documents state.

"Prugo admitted to committing all of the burglaries and that Rachel Lee was with him during the residential burglaries of the homes of Audrina Patridge, Lindsay Lohan, Orlando Bloom, Rachel Bilson and the Hilton family," the search warrant states.

"Prugo stated that it was Lee who would suggest a target and that he would surf the Internet to learn where the celebrity lived as well as the target's travel itinerary."

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Sainte-Marie awarded with lifetime achievement

MUSIC Buffy Sainte-Marie was given a lifetime achievement award and a special tribute Friday night at the Aboriginal Peoples' Choice Music Awards.

It's the latest in a long list of accolades for the Saskatchewan-born singer-songwriter, who has previously been inducted into the Juno and Canadian Country Music halls of fame; been made an officer of the Order of Canada; and received a star on Canada's Walk of Fame.

Sainte-Marie, who currently resides in the United States, also took home the folk or acoustic prize for her CD Running For the Drum.

Inez, from Chilliwack, B.C., won three awards for best new artist; best pop CD for Singsoulgirl; and single of the year for Breathe.

Eagle and Hawk of Winnipeg took the group or duo award and also scored the prize for rock CD for their Siren-song, but were beat out for entertainer of the year by Crystal Shawanda of Wikwemikong, Ont.

Buffy Sainte-Marie

Other winners included Sierra Noble of Winnipeg for best country CD; the Whitefish Bay Singer of Whitefish Bay, Ont., for contemporary pow-wow CD; and Tracy Bone of Winnipeg for songwriter of the year.

Brown Eagle of Winnipeg and Red Bull of the Little Pine First Nation in Saskatchewan tied for best traditional pow-wow CD.

The awards, which were held at Winnipeg's MTS Centre, were hosted by Corner Gas star Lorne Cardinal and were televised live on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network and Bell Express Vu.

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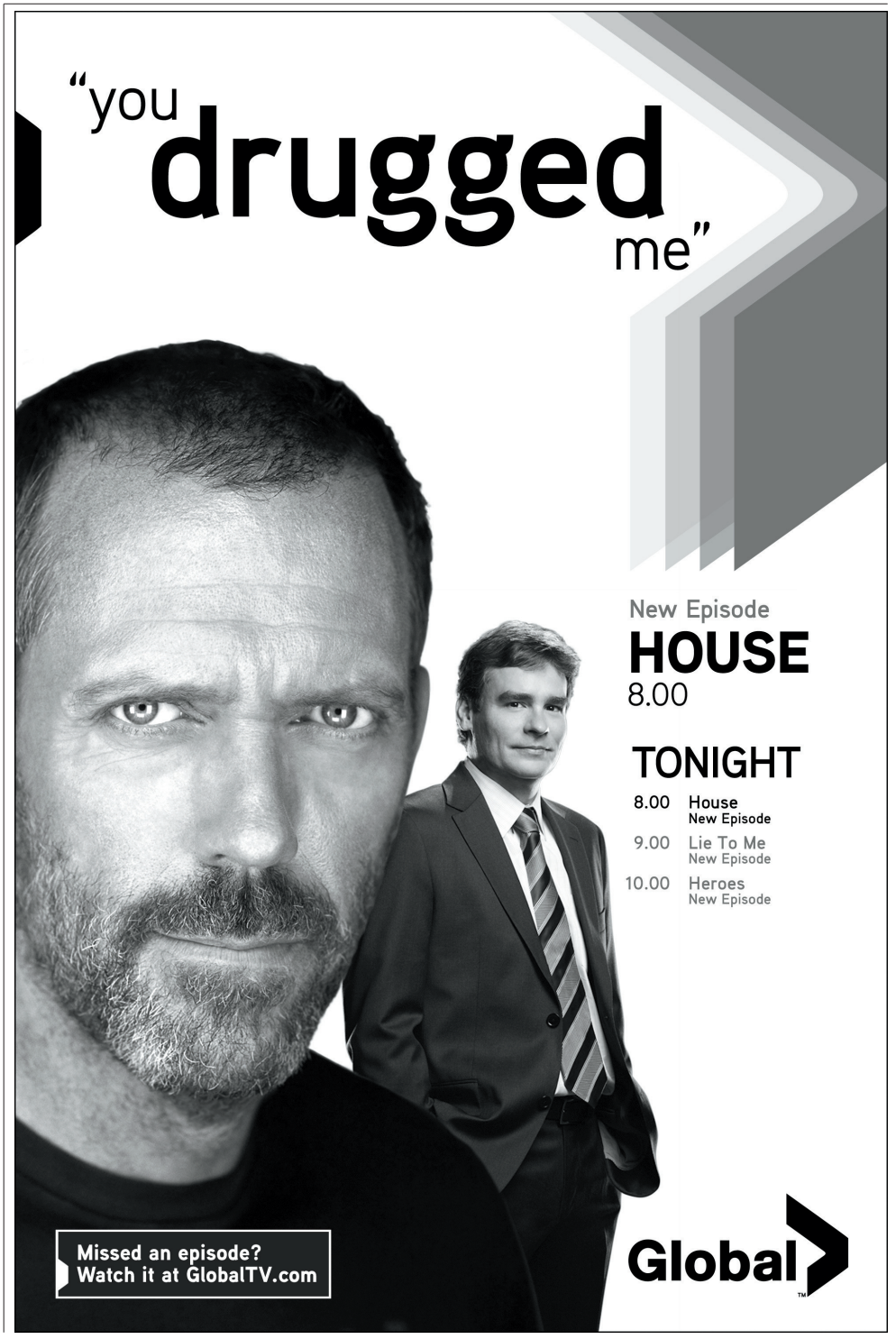

Halperin says magazine fabricated story

Ian Halperin, author of the upcoming Brangelina Exposed, has another expose to share: Star magazine's new cover story about his new book is a total fabrication, he says. "I never spoke to (the magazine)," says the bestselling author. USMAGAZINE.COM

Miami Book Fair goes on, despite cuts

BOOKS Poetry and music have been cut and there will be no parade to kick off the Miami Book Fair International as in years past. But one of the leading U.S. literary festivals isn't giving up on readers in a bad economy.

The fair that began in 1984 just won't quit: Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to throng the tented stalls of downtown Miami for the 2009 fair, which opened yesterday and runs through Sunday, Nov. 15. And once again, organizers have amassed a list of acclaimed writers to give readings — Margaret Atwood, Barbara Kingsolver and Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk among them. Never mind that this book fair has had to make do with cutbacks and state and county funding. Last year's budget was about $1.7 million and this year that was cut by $400,000.

"Our budget was severely affected," book fair director Alina Interian said. "The situation is difficult all around... We are all feeling it one way or another."

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Starving artists?

- This year the number of authors attending the Miami Book Fair has been reduced, from 450 to 350. And the majority of the authors will attend with financial support from their publishers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As far from Britain as you get

Chronic City

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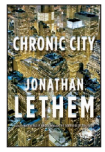

An urban quest for Borgesian truth in a culture of duplicity erupts when former child star and Manhattanite-about-town Chase Insteadman meets former hotshot music critic Perkus Tooth. While both are deterred by personal trials (Chase's fiancée is trapped in space, Perkus spends his days in a marijuana-fueled daze), the pair does seem a perfectly imperfect fit, which only makes their noir trek together in search of reality all the more entertaining. Chronic City delves into themes of celebrity, detachment and the modern urban experience in Lethem's comically sophisticated narrative style.

Sunset Oasis

Author: Bahaa Taher
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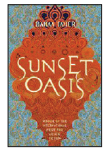

Winner of the inaugural International Prize for Arab Fiction in 2008, Bahaa Taher's Sunset Oasis weaves politics, passion and the power of a locale unknown set against a late 19th-century Egyptian landscape. Charged with betraying his British bosses, military officer Mahmoud Abd El Zahir is disciplined through relocation to distant Egyptian oasis Siwa. Joined by his Irish wife Catherine, the couple's common ground begins to disintegrate when shunned by locals. Sunset Oasis provides a snapshot of ruin in Egypt's past, sentiment realized in the experiences of a husband and wife divided.

Laying It On The Line

Author: Buzz Hargrove
Publisher: HarperCollins
Price: $32.99 (Hardcover)

As former national president of the Canadian Auto Workers trade union, Buzz Hargrove witnessed the pattern of poor decision-making that led to the 2008 car industry crumble years in advance. During a time when the manufacturing sector struggles to recover, Hargrove aims to deconstruct the crisis in Laying It On the Line. From insider corporate dealings to the prattle in political backrooms, Hargrove reveals his hand using digestible language. Maintaining his focus on workers rights, Hargrove explores how labour movements must adapt to the new economy and what it will take for Western auto manufacturers to bounce back.

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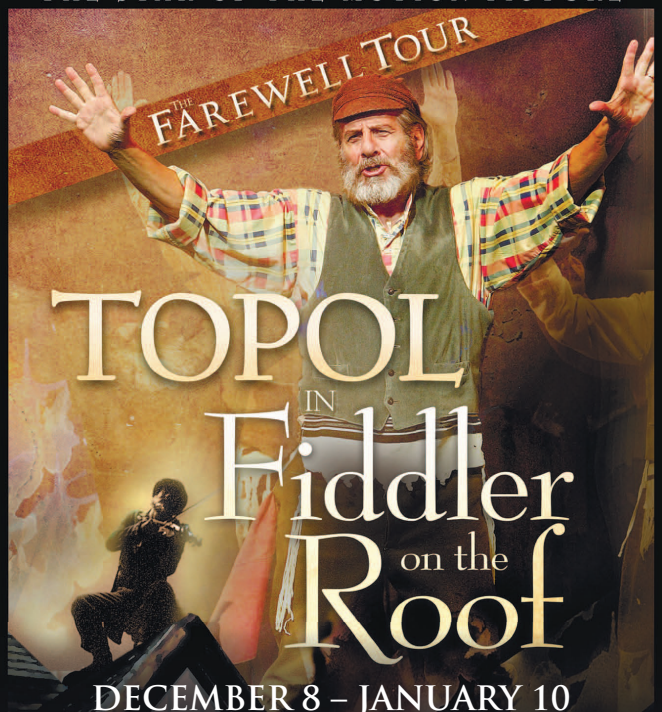

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Conductor Peter Oundjian will lead the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in performing Benjamin Britten's War Requiem on Nov. 11.

TSO's anti-war performance

JOHN KEILLOR
For Metro Canada

Classical music definitely has its political side; Palestrina's 16th century masses and Beethoven's 19th century symphonies often alluded to how leaders used or abused their power.

And for the English-speaking world, the definitive anti-war score is Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, which the Toronto Symphony Orchestra will perform on Remembrance Day.

Conductor Peter Oundjian explains what makes this 1962 orchestral work (with choirs and soloists) a classical staple.

"Dramatically, it's very close to opera, like Verdi's requiem," says Oundjian, "except it's packed with irony. The music is largely governed by the tritone, which is the devil's interval."

Tritones (the flat fifth, or augmented fourth) are sensual yet directionless, so in tonal music tritones are like anti-music, threatening to undermine the score's lyric beauty. This irony is reinforced by the words of Wilfred Owen, an English officer who wrote bitter brilliant poems in the trenches during the First World War, where he died.

But for all its ironic spite, the War Requiem is an exquisite, moving work, with music sensitively attuned to the anger and the sadness of the libretto. In it, authority on different levels is challenged outright.

"The music and the poems are steeped in disappointment in religious values," says Oundjian. "The poem about Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son in particular shows an inhumane compliance."

An undercurrent of wickedness flits throughout the 90 minute score, reappearing as tritones and of course in Owen's words, as set beside the music's traditional requiem texts. The overall effect is haunting, diverse in its sublime gorgeousness and never shrill.

"The piece is conceived on three levels," explains Oundjian, "with the liturgical requiem is formally laid out in a classical requiem setting, for solo soprano, adult choir and orchestra. The poems of Owen juxtapose liturgy with a great human tragedy, sung by solo tenor and baritone, and supported by a separate chamber orchestra. A third level, performed by harmonium and boy's choir, signify the afterlife."

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The Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) project will extend the TTC subway system from Downsview Subway Station to the City of Vaughan.

Toronto Transit Commission invites you to drop by a Public Open House to view the preliminary design of **Sheppard West Station**. The Open House will exhibit the station design concept. This is the first of two public open houses for Sheppard West Station, with the second to show detailed architectural concepts, scheduled for Spring 2010.

The Sheppard West Station concept is the first station design to be shared with the public. The next five stations will be shared at upcoming public open houses over the next several months. Times and locations will be posted.

DATE: **Tuesday, November 17, 2009**
TIME: **6:30 - 8:30 pm**
LOCATION: **The Crystal Room (2nd Floor)**
Montecassino Hotel & Event Venue
3710 Chesswood Drive

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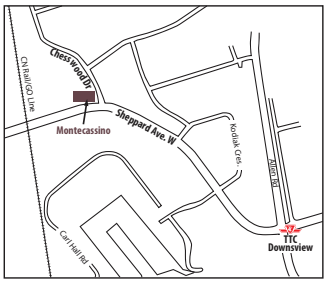
From Downsview Subway Station take Bus #108 on Sheppard Ave. West to Chesswood Ave. Building is on the NW corner of Sheppard Ave. West and Chesswood Dr.



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Four Seasons plays host to the Giller
This year's Scotiabank Giller Prize will be held at Toronto's Four Seasons Hotel at a gala black tie dinner and award ceremony. The jury — Russell Banks, Victoria Glendinning and Alistair MacLeod – chose the five finalists out of a list of 96 books. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Final five vying for lucrative Giller Prize

A brief interview with each author who was nominated for Canada's $50,000 literary award

Canada's most lucrative literary award, the Scotiabank Giller Prize, will be handed out tomorrow night during a televised black-tie gala at a Toronto hotel.

The five short-listers up for the $50,000 prize are Kim Echlin, Annabel Lyon, Linden MacIntyre, Colin McAdam and Anne Michaels.

The runners-up all receive $5,000.

Canada AM's Seamus O'Regan will reprise his role as host for this year's broadcast.

The Scotiabank Giller Prize will air live on Bravo! and BookTelevision, with the CTV network premiere the following day, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Here is a brief interview with each author:

KIM ECHLIN

Nominated for:
The Disappeared.

Kim Echlin

What's your best one-line synopsis of your novel?

A story of love and loss set against the Cambodian genocide.

If you could give your book to one person, and know they'd get back to you with a personal review, who would it be and why?

I would give it to the woman in the market, to whom it is dedicated. I would like her to know that risking telling her story to a stranger made a difference.

ANNABEL LYON

Nominated for:
The Golden Mean

Annabel Lyon

What's your best one-line synopsis of your novel?

The seven-year relationship between Aristotle and the teenaged Alexander, before he was Great.

What book do you absolutely love and wish you wrote yourself?

Any short fiction collection by Lorrie Moore, Joy Williams, Alice Munro, Mary Robison, George Saunders, William Trevor, Denis Johnson. Short stories give me my greatest reading pleasure.

LINDEN MACINTYRE

Nominated for:
The Bishop's Man

Linden MacIntyre

What's your best one-line synopsis of your novel?

Man of God discovers that the consequences of a cover-up can be as dire as the consequences of a crime.

Do you currently have, or are you lusting after, an ebook reader like the Kindle?

Don't have one but am moderately interested in its potential for reading newspapers.

What do you plan to wear to the awards?

The mandatory tux.

COLIN MCADAM

Nominated for:
Fall

Colin McAdam

What's your best one-line synopsis of your novel?

Two roommates at a boarding school — one of them a bookish Canadian creep, the other an ardent and inarticulate American — fall in love with the same girl, who goes missing during their final year of high school.

What book do you absolutely love and wish you wrote yourself?

(I) don't really know that feeling of wishing I'd written someone else's work.

ANNE MICHAELS

Nominated for:
The Winter Vault

Anne Michaels

What's your best one-line synopsis of your novel?

An argument for hope, exploring three historical events and their consequences, and following the intimate life of a marriage — what love makes us capable of and incapable of.

Do you currently have, or are you lusting after, an ebook reader like the Kindle?

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Michael Lohan subpoenaed by TLC

When Michael Lohan returns home from his trip to Boston this weekend, he'll have a present waiting for him — courtesy of the lawyers at TLC. Lohan tells TMZ he has been subpoenaed to testify in TLC's breach of contract lawsuit against Jon Gosselin. TMZ.COM

Broderick shocked by latest bad press

PLAY Matthew Broderick says he's puzzled by the bashing he's received for his actions during the first New York preview of The Starry Messenger, a new play by good friend Kenneth Lonergan.

"We had to rush to our first preview and then I guess we got some press just after one show, which I don't really understand," the actor said.

Matthew Broderick

Messages posted on various theatre websites said a prompter in the front row needed to assist Broderick with his lines during the Oct. 26 performance of the three-hour play, produced by off-Broadway's New Group.

Broderick adds, "It's going very well now, I think, now that we've had a whole week. And it's going to be really good by the time it opens."

Artistic director Scott Elliott said The Starry Messenger, the story of an astronomy teacher's affair with a younger woman, will open Nov. 23. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shaffer will visit Spector in jail

Late Show bandleader still considers convicted murder a friend

Late Show bandleader Paul Shaffer says his friendship with convicted murderer Phil Spector has not wavered in the wake of the music producer's incarceration.

The late-night TV sidekick said Friday that he even plans to visit Spector in prison as soon as he gets the chance, noting they've been friends for 20 years.

"We went out to hear jazz together and I got to be in the recording studio with him watching him work," Shaffer said during a brief stop in Toronto to promote his recently released memoir, We'll Be Here for the Rest of Our Lives.

"I think of all the things that I've gotten to do, all the wonderful people that I've played with, being in the recording studio with Phil Spector tops them all. And of course now he is in prison. I hope to visit him, I still consider him a friend and what can you say? A terrible way for a guy like that to be remembered. He is a great artist, still."

Shaffer said he hasn't spoken with Spector since before the songwriter was charged in the murder of actress Lana Clarkson. Spector was convicted earlier this year and is serving 19 years to life in a California prison.

Still, Shaffer says he considers himself "a loyal friend."

"When he and I were hanging out he was a great friend and a great supporter of mine and came to my aid in a number of places that I can remember," said Shaffer, who is originally from Thunder Bay, Ont.

Spector's musical influence on Shaffer is one of the many anecdotes included in the light-hearted book, which steers clear of divulging any dirt or touching on well-publicized celebrity scandals.

The memoir includes stories from Shaffer's days at Saturday Night Live providing the musical backdrop for comics including Gilda Radner and John Belushi, his friendship with fellow Canuck Eugene Levy, and encounters with musical legends. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Shaffer, left, and Phil Spector

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	620	523	40	BVO	Asylum of Spoons		The Story Behind the Notes		*ShowBusiness: The Road to Broadway* ★★★ (2005)				Law & Order
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Claire is determined to get to the bottom of the Sorority Rush attacks, but when he tries to intervene, H.R.G. realizes he may be the source of Claire's troubles. Sylar's battle to gain full control of Matt's body escalates in the new episode "Shadowboxing." 8 PM on NBC; 10 PM on GTV

Trauma
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Hopper at the Breeders' Cup

Prostate cancer couldn't keep Dennis Hopper away from the Breeders' Cup. The 73-year-old actor and artist attended the Breeders' Cup in support of The V Foundation for Cancer Research Saturday at Santa Anita Park in California. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prom Night examines prejudice

Film follows effort to racially integrate high school ritual

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If racially integrating a high school prom in America's South was on Morgan Freeman's bucket list, the Oscar-winning actor can now scratch that lofty accomplishment off the register.

And there's a Canadian to thank for it.

Freeman met Paul Saltzman when the Toronto-based filmmaker traveled to Mississippi in 2008 to revisit the civil rights movement of the '60s. Discovering that the actor had previously been declined when he offered to fund a local school's prom if they stopped segregating it, Saltzman rekindled the shocking issue and decided to document it.

"Right away I thought, 'there's a film that needs to be made,'" explained the director recently of his new film Prom Night in Mississippi. "There isn't a human being on the planet with zero prejudice … the point is that if you don't look at it within yourself, if you don't see it, then it rules you.

"If we can get young people who are still more flexible than older people, we hope young people will come out of the movie and just for a moment think about their own attitudes and their own prejudices and that that's where change can begin."

As such, Freeman put the offer back on the table and Charleston High School accepted. What follows in Saltzman's movie is an example of both the repressed and outright racism that still exists in America.

"The most shocking thing (I discovered) was how racist the racists still are," admitted Saltzman, further explaining that one parent who invited Freeman to play a round of golf was threatened by the local country club's all-white membership. "Fear is what keeps people apart and if you're extreme, you can instill a lot of fear in other people."

As much as the film spotlights the consequence of racism, Prom Night also remains hopeful. As Saltzman discovered, most teens welcomed the integration of the prom — a sign that hopefully, even in Mississippi, attitudes are changing.

"It's a worldwide issue across all issues whether its religion or gender or whatever," said Saltzman. "I personally think that we, as a species, go three steps forward and two steps back … (but) we are making headway and it's slow."

Toronto-based director Paul Saltzman teamed up with Morgan Freeman to make the documentary Prom Night in Mississippi

On the web

- Prom Night in Mississippi opens in theatres on Friday. More about the film can be found at promnightinmississippi.com.

The Boondock Saints sequel 'defying expectations'

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

The tale of writer/director Troy Duffy is one fraught with high drama and caustic rumour.

Duffy is the force behind The Boondock Saints, the cult 1999 action epic that has achieved near mythical status amongst its legion of fanatics. But the story behind the making of that film was even more intense than any of its ample on screen gun battles.

Duffy was a struggling Boston screenwriter tending bar before Miramax honcho Harvey Weinstein rolled out the red carpet and gave him the keys to his kingdom. Then, after much heartache, Weinstein unceremoniously dumped Duffy's mini-masterpiece onto DVD, where it became a surprise hit.

The Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day opens on Friday

The entire ordeal was documented — painfully — in the searing 2003 film by Tony Montana and Mark Brian Smith called Overnight in which Duffy is painted as a raging, uncouth and abusive monster.

It's a portrait that the filmmaker has yet to make peace with.

"That was a real kick in the head out of nowhere," says Duffy of the notorious picture.

"These two guys were my friends and I let them shoot for three of the most tumultuous years of my life and they edited together the worst of it. It's all bulls— of course. Everyone involved in making Boondock had a great time making it."

There must be some truth to his words. Duffy was in Toronto recently promoting the long awaited sequel to his calling card opus, The Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day. Opening this week, the film sees all principal leads from the first movie happily return.

Sean Patrick Flannery and Norman Reedus once again apprear as the pious, pistol packing, vigilante Irish-American brothers intent on righting wrongs and cleaning up their streets. Cast additions include Julie Benz (TV'S Dexter) and, most triumphantly for Duffy, Easy Rider himself, Peter Fonda as a lethal Mafia Don.

"We went after Peter," admits the director. "We almost felt like we were anointed having him in the film, like we were the next Hollywood rebels, getting the torch passed down. I think he liked being cast against type and that's how I work with actors, defying expectations.

'In the world of Boondock, high risk is always high reward."

Troy Duffy is back with The Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day.

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Usher is officially single

After filing for divorce earlier this year, Usher is officially a single man again, usmagazine.com reports. The singer and Tameka Foster had been married in August of 2007, but separated in July of 2008 according to court documents. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Swift dishes in SNL monologue

FUNNY GIRL Taylor Swift didn't leave anyone out of her monologue when she hosted Saturday Night Live on the weekend, usmagazine.com reports.

Although most hosts perform monologues written by the show's team of writers, the 19-year-old country crooner wrote her intro herself, Swift's rep confirms to usmagazine.com.

The singer dished on ex-boyfriends, rumoured flames and — of course — Kanye West in an opening monologue song titled, Monologue Song (La La La).

After mentioning how she loves baking and things that smell like winter, she also sang that she liked writing songs "about douchebags who cheat on me ... so they're ashamed to go in public" when she mentions their names.

One name in particular? Joe Jonas, her ex-boyfriend, whom she has claimed dumped her in a 27-second phone call.

"You might think I'd bring up Joe, that guy who broke up with me on my phone, but I'm not going to mention him," she sings. "Hey Joe, I'm doing real well. Tonight I'm hosting SNL, but I'm not going to brag about that."

Another shout-out was to rumoured beau, New Moon's Taylor Lautner.

"And if you're wondering if I might be dating a werewolf from Twilight," she sings before looking into the camera and mouthing, "Hi, Taylor." She then blew a kiss and winked.

As she did in promos the week of her SNL hosting gig, she took a shot at West, who ambushed her on-stage during the MTV Video Music Awards this fall.

"You might be expecting me to say something bad about Kanye," she said, looking sad. "But everything's okay. I've got security lining the stage."

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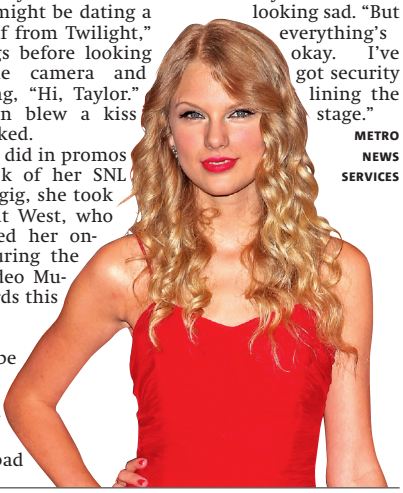

Pattinson admits he's not romantic

WIMPY HEARTTHROB Robert Pattinson may be a global heartthrob, but when it comes to his own romantic exploits, the Twilight star admits he can be a bit wimpy, people.com reports.

"I can't think of a single romantic thing that I've ever done," Pattinson said while promoting the latest installment of the vampire series, New Moon.

"I would never serenade someone to be romantic — you have to have so much balls to do that. I put a flower in someone's locker when I was 15-years-old, this girl called Maria."

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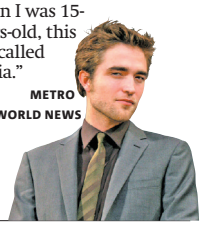

Bar denies Duritz the chance to belt out a tune

CLOSING TIME Counting Crows front-man Adam Duritz was denied by a karaoke bar in Savannah, Ga., when offered to take the stage and belt out a few tunes, according to Page Six. Duritz showed up with girlfriend Emmy Rossum, in town for the Savannah Film Festival, and was looking forward to serenading the crowd, but the bar's managers told him it was almost closing time and he would have to come back another night.

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Kidman doesn't play it 'safe' in love

A RISK TAKER Nicole Kidman doesn't ever want a "safe" love life, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who was wed to actor Tom Cruise for 10 years and is now married to country singer Keith Urban — always opts for "extreme" romances and movies because she would hate to have a boring life.

She said: "In the end I hope my life will be a mix of extreme love and bold artistic choices. I've never wanted to be safe. I've never chosen safe relationships. And I've never chosen safe films."

The 42-year-old actress is so keen to make a point, she actively "seeks out" film roles she will be criticized for.

She explained: "If you're taking risks it isn't always going to work, and. .. it hurts sometimes. But I have a career where I have had to weather the storms. It's become second nature to me. I'm used to my roles and the movies I'm in being criticized. I seek it out. In my life I do not seek out a safe place."

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Joe wants money from Jackson estate

CASHING IN Joe Jackson thinks the estate of his late son, Michael Jackson, should be paying him a monthly allowance, and he's gone to court to ask for it.

Jackson, who reportedly receives $1,700 US a month in Social Security payments, is seeking funds to cover $15,000 a month in expenses. "He does not have a regular or steady source of income, and he was dependent upon the money provided by his son, Michael Jackson, through his wife, Katherine Jackson, for his support," his court filing states, according to the New York Daily News.

While Michael's will made provisions for his mother and children, there was no mention of his father, with whom he had a notoriously difficult relationship.

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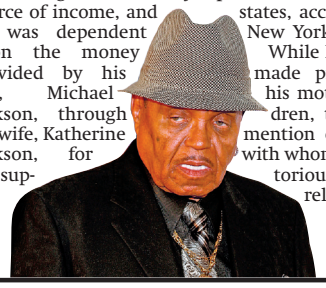

Cibrian taking rumours to court

GETTING EVEN Eddie Cibrian has had enough with the tabloids claiming that he's cheating on LeAnn Rimes — and he's taking one to court.

"Unfortunately Life & Style Magazine has chosen to go out with a story filled with inaccuracies and deceitful lies, presumably to titillate sales, but clearly resulting in harm to Eddie Cibrian and others," a statement from Cibrian's reps reads.

"This is irresponsible and reckless journalism. Eddie has met with his attorneys and will be filing a suit for libel and other actionable grounds shortly."

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Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila takes on the haters, Ryan Seacrest is looking to broaden his interests, Heidi Montag is packing heat and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is really excited about his weekend plans.

@officialTila
So if u dont like me, thats fine....but u dont have to bash on me for being Bisexual & trying to do a lot of work for charity.

@RyanSeacrest
i gotta watch more women's soccer...they're feisty!

@heidimontag
shooting in the gun range!!!!! i love shooting knowing how to defend myself is so important!!

@iamdiddy
Bb kings sat night be rockin! Believe that! Let's go! Goin to get chicken and waffles!

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Brown is mum on Rihanna assault

RIGHT TO PRIVACY Despite the fact that he was found guilty of assaulting her, Chris Brown takes exception to Rihanna discussing the event in interviews, including her chat with Diane Sawyer last week. "While I respect Rihanna's right to discuss the specific events of Feb. 8, I maintain my position that all of the details should remain a private matter between us," Brown says in a statement to MTV News.

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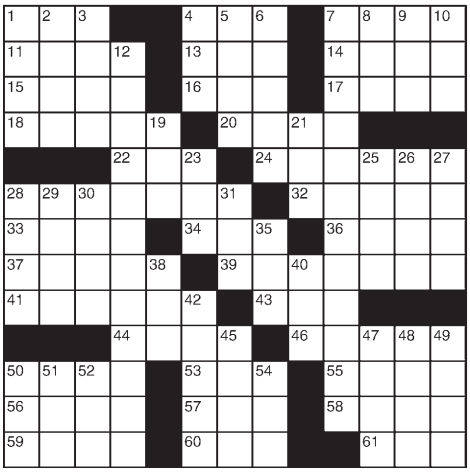

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50 Binge
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52 Cacophony
54 Neither partner

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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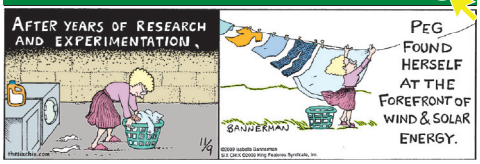

Metro Recipe of the Day

Mustard-mayo halibut with tarragon-orange zucchini

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
4 zucchini, halved
4 Pacific halibut fillets
4 tbsp (60 mL) mayonnaise
2 tsp (10 mL) Dijon mustard
leaves from 2 sprigs of fresh tarragon
Zest of 1 orange
Orange wedges, to serve

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high. Brush ovenproof dish with oil and lay zucchini inside, cut side down. Brush with oil and broil 3 minutes. Turn zucchini, brush with oil and cook 4-5 minutes or until browned and tender. Set aside in dish.
2. While zucchini are broiling, prepare halibut. Brush grill pan with oil and put fillets in, skin side down. Mix mayonnaise and mustard, then spread this evenly over fish. Put pan under broiler and cook about 5 minutes. Topping should be golden and fish firm and cooked through. If fish begins to brown too quickly in first 1-2 minutes of cooking, lower pan so that it is farther away from heat.
3. Sprinkle tarragon and orange zest over zucchini. Transfer halibut to warm plates and add zucchini. Garnish with orange wedges and serve.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Venus is not only moving through the area of your chart that governs business and financial matters but today aspects Pluto, planet of wealth.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You'll find it easier than usual to make the first move in personal relationships. If you don't let good feelings out they might turn bad.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Because you have been focusing in one direction you may have missed some of the other things that have been going on in the world around you.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Venus, planet of harmony, is very much on your side at the moment and all sorts of people want to be nice to you.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Try to be more understanding of someone who has let you down and incurred your anger.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Why do you keep looking back and brooding on things that are over and done with? Whatever the reason you have got to snap out of it.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you need financial help now is the time to speak up. The planets indicate that if you make your pitch over the next 24 hours you will get what you ask for.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Venus in your birth sign, allied to your ruler Pluto, will boost your confidence to no end today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be ambitious but you are advised not to be too pushy today or you could undo some of the good work you have done in recent weeks.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Today's cosmic alignments urge you to form alliances with people who share your aims and ambitions.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you need to ask a favor of someone in a position of authority go right up to them today and ask away.

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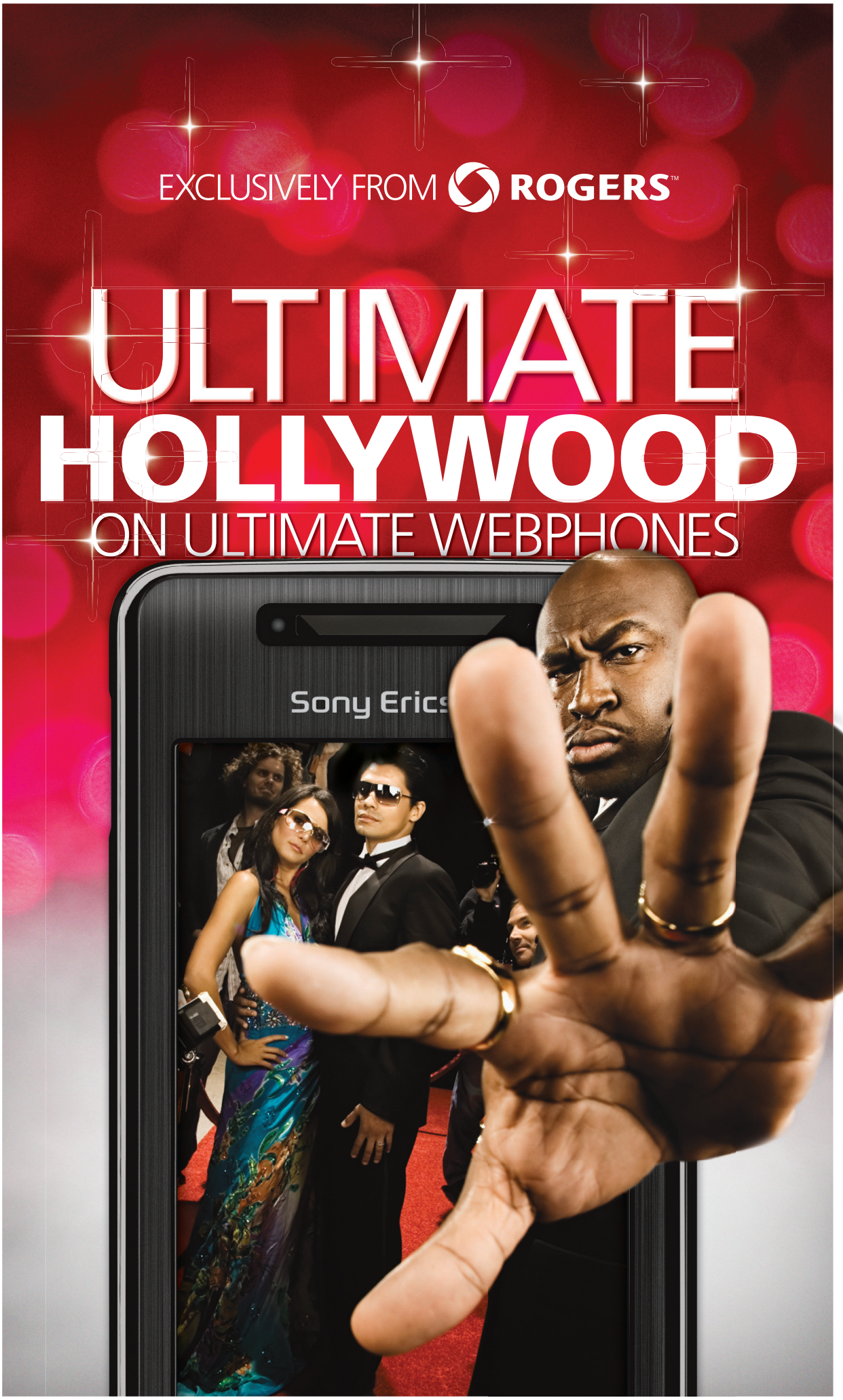
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